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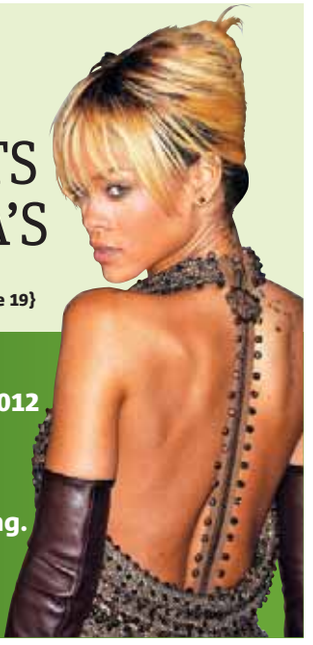

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Under new management

TTC chief general manager axed at meeting called by Rob Ford loyalists

The city's clouded transit vision has become even murkier in the wake of the politically motivated firing Tuesday of TTC chief general manager Gary Webster.

It came the same day the premier signalled his growing impatience with the mayor's machinations around transit.

Webster, whose dismissal was engineered behind closed doors by Mayor Rob Ford's loyalists on the Toronto Transit Commission, will be replaced in the short term by Andy Byford, who came here from Australia as TTC chief operating officer only three months ago.

Asked if Webster's immediate departure will stall city council's plan to build above-ground light rail, Byford admitted he didn't know.

"Clearly that needs to be addressed over the next few days. There's a lot of things for me to think about. My first priority, though, will be performance, customer service and safety. I want to make sure we're getting the basics right before we open up any other debates," he said.

Webster was fired for failing to help the mayor build a case for a subway extension on Sheppard and a longer tunnel on the east end of the Eglinton LRT.

Byford was hired as a possible successor to Webster, who has worked at the TTC for about 37 years and earned more than $282,000 annually in 2010. Webster will remain on the TTC payroll until after his contract expires in July 2013.

The commission exercised a provision in Webster's contract that allows for his termination without just cause, said TTC chair Karen Stintz.

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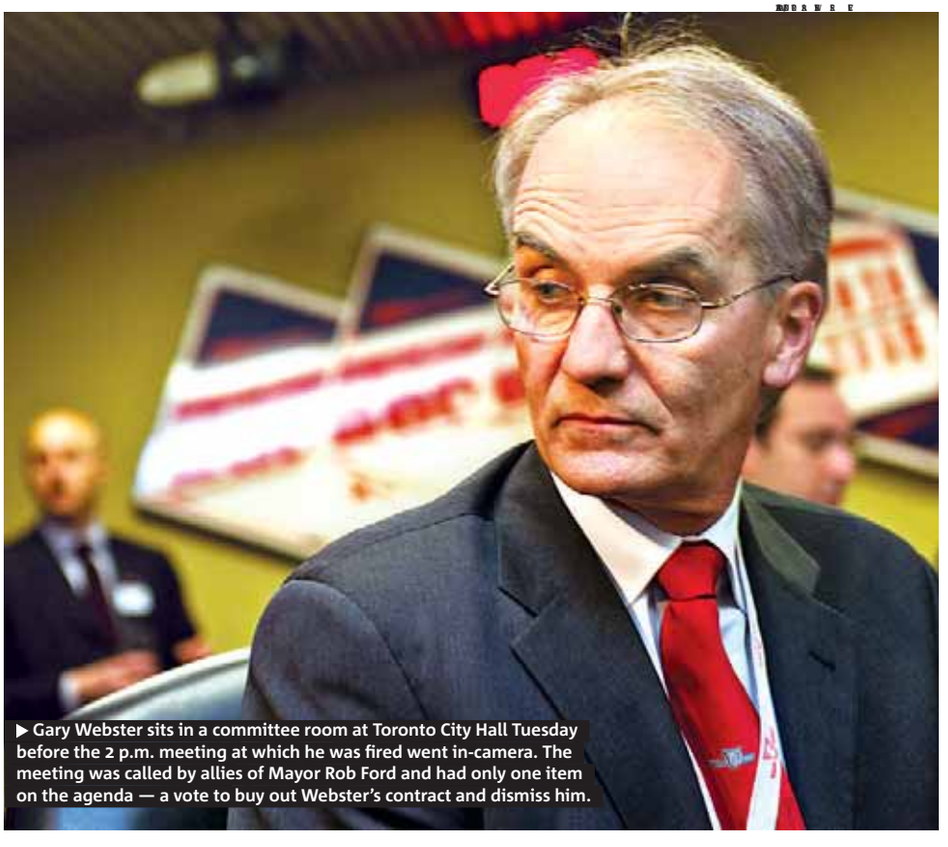
'Running out of patience'

- Expressing exasperation with Ford's manoeuvring on the TTC, Premier Dalton McGuinty warned Tuesday that "the time for talk is coming close to an end."
- "I can say that we're running out of patience," McGuinty said. "The people of Toronto are running out of patience."



▶ Gary Webster sits in a committee room at Toronto City Hall Tuesday before the 2 p.m. meeting at which he was fired went in-camera. The meeting was called by allies of Mayor Rob Ford and had only one item on the agenda — a vote to buy out Webster's contract and dismiss him.

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City lost nearly $1M to fraud: Audit

Toronto's auditor general, Jeff Griffiths, says his office has found that the city was defrauded of at least $939,000 last year.

Out of hundreds of complaints to the office, 53 were substantiated, Griffiths said in a report to council's audit committee.

Among the cases probed by the auditor general:

An employee under investigation for submitting false benefit claims retired and received full retirement payouts despite being suspended.

One employee was allowed to resign and another fired after working a second job outside the city during regular city work hours.

Two city staffers received discipline letters after a contractor was overpaid $20,000 due to staff not clearly understanding the contract requirements.

Two employees were suspended for submitting false daily logs and creating records for work not performed.

An employee was terminated for claiming 11 sick days to plan a personal event. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Complaints to waste hotline rise

The number of complaints to the Auditor General's Fraud and Waste Hotline increased 44 per cent last year to 822 complaints, of which 53 were substantiated.

The increase to the highest number in any year since the hotline began in 2002 can be attributed in part to the fact Mayor Rob Ford encourages people to call, said Deputy Mayor Doug Holyday. The hotline, since copied by other cities, has more than proved its worth, he said.

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Arena fish stunt honours Leafs fan

Friends of Nanaimo, B.C., man killed in ATV accident sneak salmon into Rogers Arena for Leafs, Canucks game

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When Princess Diana died in 1997, Elton John rewrote the lyrics to Candle In The Wind in a musical tribute to the late Princess of Wales.

When Garrett Paquette passed away, his friends and family arranged a different sort of tribute — chucking a large salmon onto the ice during an NHL hockey game.

Paquette, a Maple Leafs fan, had planned to toss a salmon onto the ice as a stunt during the much-anticipated matchup between the Vancouver Canucks and the Toronto Maple Leafs before he died in an ATV accident in November.

Roger Paquette, Garrett's father, planned the trip and salmon-toss in memory of his son.

"My only thought (when going through security) was that I hope I don't get patted down.... I was just going to say I was hungry if I got caught with it."
JOEY SMITH

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"Roger brought three fish with him. He had these wild ideas in his head and was committed to doing it, and Garrett was the same way," said Joey Smith, one of three friends who volunteered to strap five-pound salmon to their stomachs and smuggle them into Rogers Arena.

With four minutes left in the third period, Smith's friend tossed the five-pound salmon from the lower bowl onto the ice.

Smith was injured in the same ATV accident in which Paquette died and was unable to throw the fish himself.

"I think (Garrett) is incredibly proud," said Smith. Wherever he is, he's looking down on us smiling.

"It's these little things like this that help us remember him better — a tribute to him and the amazing guy that he was."

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▶ Joey Smith and three friends duck-taped salmon to their bodies and smuggled them into Rogers Arena Saturday. At left, a member of the Canucks ice crew scoops up one of the fish after it was thrown onto the ice during the game between the Leafs and Canucks.

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MALVERN

Siblings charged in slaying

Two brothers charged with first-degree murder in the shotgun slaying of a Malvern barber four weeks ago lived less than two kilometres from the murder scene.

Kevin Perez, 27, and brother Christopher, 22, could drive to the Malvern Town Centre in less than 15 minutes.

Police accuse the elder Perez, on Jan. 24, of walking calmly into the Cut Creator, where Chris Thompson was cutting someone's hair, and opening fire with a shotgun before fleeing.

His brother is charged as an accomplice, though police won't say what role they believe he played.

The brothers remain in custody until their next court appearance on Feb. 28. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Woman accuses cops of striking, robbing her

A former stripper says laughing, aggressive Toronto drug-squad officers robbed, beat and fondled her when she was arrested for trafficking cocaine.

Aida Fagundo, 48, testified via video hookup from Spain, where she now lives, that "very aggressive" plainclothes officers arrested her and two associates in Scarborough 14 years ago.

"They took me to the police station and they started to hit me," the mother of two told a police-corruption trial Monday.

"They wouldn't let me speak. They told me I was an immigrant without papers," she said through a Spanish interpreter.

The officers made her remove her $20,000 diamond stud earrings, which they seized, along with $10,000 in cash from her purse, while shouting, "Bingo, bingo," she said.

29 The former Central Field Command drug-squad officers collectively face 29 charges, including attempt to obstruct justice, perjury, assault and extortion.

They destroyed her citizenship card, she added.

Fagundo was testifying at the Ontario Superior Court jury trial of John Schertzer, 54; Ned Maodus, 48; Steven Correia, 44; Raymond Pollard, 47; and Joseph Miched, 53. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Loved ones mourn brothers shot dead

Witnesses saw suspects fleeing the scene of the parking-garage shooting through nearby Earl Bales Park in North York on Monday, police say

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▶ Jerome, left, and Justin Waterman

One of the two brothers killed in what police describe as a targeted shooting only recently became a father, according to relatives.

Justin Waterman, 18, and Jerome Waterman, 22, were shot dead in a North York parking-garage stairwell Monday afternoon.

The brothers were pronounced dead at the Bogert Avenue scene, their bodies found surrounded by multiple shell casings from a semi-automatic weapon.

The victims' grandfather, Edward Waterman, said he last saw his younger grandson last week, when Justin came over to watch television. Justin told him his older brother had just become a father.

According to newspaper reports, Jerome Waterman welcomed a baby girl into his life just days before he was gunned down.

"They were very close with each other," Waterman said of his grandsons. "The family is taking it rough."

Waterman declined to speak further but added that the boys' father, who is no longer with their mother, is "very upset." On Twitter, a woman named Danielle who referred to the Watermans as her cousins also expressed the family's desire to be left alone as they grieve.

"People saw him as a bad kid. But he was very smart with his work and stuff. He's very intellectual the way he did his work and the way he talked."
JUSTIN WATERMAN'S FRIEND, JESSICA

"To all the news people now following me and my fam/friends: family is grieving privately; otherwise no comment," she tweeted Tuesday afternoon. "Thanks for understanding."

A childhood friend said she last saw Justin Waterman a few days ago at Scarborough Town Centre but, being in a rush, didn't bother to say hello — a decision she now regrets.

"I saw his picture on television," said Jessica, who asked that her last name not be used. "Then I kind of broke down from there."

She said she and Waterman both attended St. Sylvester Catholic School in Scarborough and grew up in the same neighbourhood, near Birchmount Road and Finch Avenue.

She remembers Waterman as a "kind" and athletic kid who excelled in everything from basketball to track-and-field. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Matthews not resigning over ORNGE scandal

Health minister encouraging employees to co-operate with OPP Dalton McGuinty says he's 'very, very proud' of the way Matthews has responded

Health Minister Deb Matthews is refusing to resign her job over the ORNGE scandal and says no employees at the troubled air-ambulance service will lose theirs for blowing the whistle.

"Nobody can be fired for sharing information with police," Matthews told reporters Tuesday.

Her comments came as both the Progressive Conservatives and the New Democrats on Tuesday demanded she be fired over the mishandling of ORNGE — noting her predecessor, David Caplan, was forced to leave the post during the eHealth Ontario affair.

But Premier Dalton McGuinty, who cleaned house at eHealth in 2009, said the entire leadership of ORNGE let "Ontarians and our government down" and he defended Matthews performance.

Matthews sought "reassurances from the leadership" and she obtained them but they "proved to be inaccurate, false. She has acted accordingly."

For months, a series of Toronto Star stories has detailed how taxpayers' money was behind a spending spree that included high salaries, payments from an Italian helicopter firm and questionable loans to former boss Dr. Chris Mazza.

"What is very important is (that) the front-line staff at ORNGE or anyone else with information share it with police."
HEALTH MINISTER DEB MATTHEWS

It was revealed that Mazza was paid $1.4 million a year, plus receiving in one year an additional $1.2 million in no-interest loans and an advance on a bonus. Mazza along with two vice-presidents have stepped down. The board of directors has also been replaced.

The Toronto Star's investigation drew from information it obtained from numerous ORNGE sources, who spoke about serious patient-safety issues, problems with the helicopters and alleged financial impropriety, which included the revelation that a $6.7-million payment was made by the Italian helicopter firm AgustaWestland to founder Mazza's company after he and ORNGE selected its choppers for Ontario.

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Hidden GPS turns up on man's truck

Ben Ferrill had his Ford F-250 truck up on the hoist late last summer and was checking the brakes when he noticed something blinking at him.

It was a GPS tracking device.

His discovery on Sept. 13 launched an OPP investigation and volley of legal letters but he still doesn't know who put it there or why.

"No one has come forward. It's pretty scary. It's a pretty bad situation," Ferrill told the Toronto Star on Tuesday. Ferrill runs an excavation-demolition company.

It is illegal in Canada to put a tracking device on a private vehicle without the owner's knowledge unless done through a police warrant.

Ferrill, who lives in Warsaw, Ont., northeast of Peterborough, says he's got a "gut feeling" that he knows who was tracking him but says he has no way of proving it. "I don't want to say the name of the person I suspect because I'm not a 100 per cent sure," he said.

That little black box has taken its emotional toll on the family. Ferrill, his wife and two children have had more than a few sleepless nights wondering if someone is out to get them.

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Picket. Line

▶ A pair of work boots hang on the security fence as a small group of Electro-Motive employees continue to walk the picket line in London, Ont., on Tuesday.

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Tentative deal to shut down London plant

Electro-Motive Canada says it has reached a tentative closeout deal for the "safe and orderly" shutdown of its locomotive manufacturing plant in London.

Province mulls service cuts

Ontario isn't waiting to bring down a budget to make decisions about which government services will be cut or reduced, Premier Dalton McGuinty said Tuesday.

"We've made thoughtful choices already," McGuinty said about government plans to eliminate the $16-billion deficit.

"Those choices will continue, and we're not going to wait for the budget to make more."

In his first reaction to economist Don Drummond's report on reforming government services, McGuinty said only one idea has been rejected so far: A recommendation to scrap full-day kindergarten, which will cost $1.5 billion a year when fully implemented.

362 The number of recommendations made by economist Don Drummond in a report he released last week.

"We are absolutely wed to full-day kindergarten and the plan as originally put forward," McGuinty told the legislature as it resumed after a 10-week break.

"We will find other ways, and we look forward to hearing from the opposition in this regard, to find savings to allow for that."

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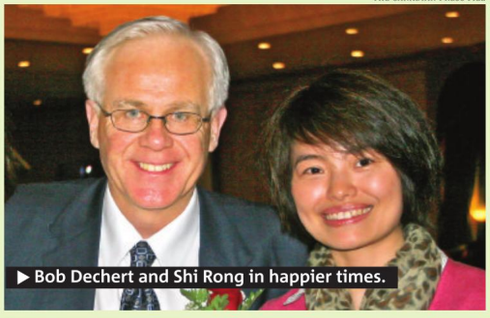

▶ Bob Dechert and Shi Rong in happier times.

MP DALLIANCE MORE AUSTIN POWERS THAN JAMES BOND: CSIS

The intrigue launched by coquettish correspondence between Bob Dechert and a Chinese reporter was more of a comedy than a thriller for Canada's spy service.

Emails sent after the Conservative MP's amorous notes to a reporter for China's Xinhua state news agency were made public suggest some within the Canadian Security Intelligence Service got a chuckle out of the whole affair.

One email chain carries the subject line "By far, my favourite news story this year."

A recipient of the email wrote back: "Scandal.. haha."

The emails circulated after news broke of Dechert's exchange with reporter Shi Rong.

The Canadian Press obtained the documents under the Access to Information Act.

Xinhua is widely suspected of having links to China's spy services, but the Conservatives have played down Dechert's dalliance with Shi, insisting no state secrets were spilled.

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Feds target young people with pension-reform plans

But Conservatives are silent on seniors' poverty • Proposed changes to old-age security to be tabled in spring budget, HR minister says

The federal government is stepping up its rhetoric to justify plans to cut public pension benefits.

Human Resources Minister Diane Finley said Tuesday that a detailed plan to reform old-age security will be presented in next month's budget.

She targeted her pitch to younger Canadians, saying they will face higher taxes, fewer social programs or larger deficits unless major reforms are implemented now.

"We cannot allow ourselves to be pegged into a situation where we are faced with a choice between the country's financial security, and our commitment to aging Canadians who have worked long and hard to build this great nation," she told a Canadian Club luncheon in Toronto.

But Finley did not say anything about how the changes would affect low-income seniors who depend heavily on federal pension benefits to stay above water.

"A lot of Canadian seniors rely on this money," said Susan Eng of CARP, an advocacy group for people over 50.

OAS is tightly entwined with the guaranteed income supplement for low-income seniors. The two-part system is credited with dramatically reducing poverty among seniors over the past 30 years. Now that Ottawa is poised to raise the age of eligibility to 67 from 65, experts are pointing to the need to consider vulnerable people over 60.

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Facts of life

- **In 2006, the government's** chief actuary found that the average life expectancy at age 65 of people receiving the guaranteed income supplement was much shorter than the life expectancy of those too rich to receive OAS.
- **He found that for men,** poorer seniors were dying 4.5 years earlier than the rich. For women, the difference was 3.4 years.
- **Chopping two years off** their benefits would be far more punishing for the poor than for the rich, says Michael Wolfson, a former senior official at Statistics Canada now at the University of Ottawa.

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▶ Human Resources Minister Diane Finley addresses the Tories' plans to reform old-age security at a Canadian Club luncheon in Toronto on Tuesday.

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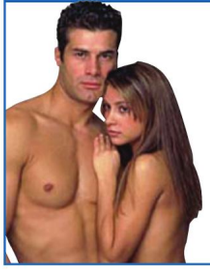

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Ex-coach James likely to 'walk': Kennedy

Sheldon Kennedy predicts his one-time abuser Graham James "is going to walk" with a conditional sentence after pleading guilty to new sex offences against two more of his former hockey players.

Kennedy told a Senate committee in Ottawa that he supports new mandatory-minimum sentences for sex offences against children because they will help persuade more victims to come forward.

But the former NHL player said he doesn't expect James, his junior hockey coach in Swift Current, Sask., will receive any jail time at a sentencing hearing Wednesday in Winnipeg.

The Tories' omnibus crime bill is being examined in the Senate before becoming law. It includes new minimum sentences for sex crimes.

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Yemen's new head of state gets thumbs-up

Yemenis vote to rubber-stamp U.S.-backed lone candidate as new leader they hope will guide country out of crisis after year-old anti-government uprising

Yemenis flocked to the polls across their battered nation Tuesday to vote in a U.S.-backed, single-candidate election meant to instate a new leader to replace the outgoing autocrat.

Vice-President Abed Rabbo Mansour Hadi is set to be declared president in the coming days, which will make his predecessor, Ali Abdullah Saleh, the fourth leader to be pushed from power in the Arab Spring uprisings that erupted early last year.

While the voters were largely hopeful — with some waiting in long lines to cast ballots bearing only Hadi's name — the new leader will face tremendous challenges as he tries to lead the Arab world's poorest country out of its year-old political crisis, which has shattered the economy, splintered the security forces and allowed al-Qaida to seize swaths of territory.

"There will be big political, economic and social change, which is the way out of the crisis that has ravaged the country."
ABED RABBO MANSOUR HADI, WHO IS SET TO BE DECLARED PRESIDENT

The U.S. has played an active role in the transition, in hopes it can head off chaos and ensure co-operation against the country's active al-Qaida branch, which has targeted the U.S.

President Barack Obama voiced his support for Hadi before the vote, and the administration's top counterterrorism adviser, John Brennan, met Hadi in Yemen over the weekend and said he expected him to be a strong partner.

In taking Saleh's place, Hadi will face the onerous task of trying to lead Yemen out of its many crises.

Hadi promised great changes Tuesday after casting his vote in the capital Sanaa. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

▶ Yemeni men show their inked thumbs after casting their votes at a polling centre in Sanaa, the capital city, on Tuesday.

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'Die, die, foreigners!'

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▶ Afghans protest Tuesday.

The U.S. apologized Tuesday for the burning of Muslim holy books that had been pulled from the shelves of a detention-centre library adjoining a major base in eastern Afghanistan because they contained extremist messages or inscriptions.

More than 2,000 Afghans protested the incident outside the Bagram Air Base that stoked rising anti-foreign sentiment and fuelled Afghan claims that foreign troops disrespect their culture and Islamic religion even as the Americans and other NATO forces prepare to withdraw by the end of 2014.

Demonstrators who gathered outside Bagram Air Field, one of the largest U.S. bases in Afghanistan, shouted, "Die, die, foreigners!" Some fired rifles into the air. Others threw rocks at the gate of the base and set tires on fire.

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Hunger striker to end protest

A Palestinian member of a violent Islamic militant group that advocates killing Israeli civilians agreed to end his 66-day hunger strike to protest his imprisonment without charge after reaching a deal with Israel that will free him in April, the Israeli Justice Ministry said Tuesday. The agreement ended a tense standoff that left Khader Adnan, 33, clinging to life and drew international attention to an Israeli policy of holding suspected Palestinian militants without charge. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Ex-judge defends abortion order

A retired Massachusetts judge on Tuesday defended her decision to order a mentally ill woman to have an abortion and be sterilized against her wishes, and she blasted Boston University for rescinding a job offer after her ruling sparked controversy.

Christina Harms said she believes the schizophrenic woman would have chosen to have an abortion if she had been mentally competent.

In her ruling, she granted a petition from the woman's parents to have their daughter declared incompetent and awarded guardianship to them for the purpose of consenting to the abortion.

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Status update: You're sued

British lawyers in a commercial dispute have been granted permission to serve a suit against a defendant via Facebook.

Justice Nigel Teare permitted the unconventional method of service during a pretrial hearing into a case which pits two investment managers against a brokerage firm.

Jenni Jenkins, who represents one of the managers, said lawyers in the case had been trying to track an ex-broker in order to serve him with legal documents.

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Court blocks Guantanamo suit

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▶ A detainee stands yelling at his cell window after seeing a group of journalists who were visiting Camp 5 maximum-security detention facility at the Guantanamo Bay U.S. Naval Base in Cuba.

U.S. appeals court won't hear case regarding suicides of prisoners

An appellate court ruled Tuesday that the families of two Guantanamo detainees who the government says hanged themselves in their cells cannot sue for damages in U.S. courts.

The families of the detainees claimed former Defence Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld and other U.S. officials were responsible for the deaths in 2006 and sued for unspecified money damages.

They say the detainees died after being subject to arbitrary detention, torture, inhuman treatment, violations of the Geneva Conventions and cruel and unusual punishment at the U.S. detention centre.

Three conservative judges on the federal appeals court in Washington ruled that U.S. courts lack the authority to consider lawsuits related to treatment of Guantanamo detainees under the Military Commissions Act passed by Congress in 2006. They said the Supreme Court has given federal judges only the authority to determine whether detainees are being properly held or should be released.

"The court's decision today means that men like them can be tortured and even killed at the hands of U.S. officials, and no court can have anything to say about it."

PARDISS KEBRIAEI, WHO ARGUED THE CASE FOR THE FAMILIES BEFORE THE APPEALS COURT

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Victims lured onto buses, killed: Police

Bolivian bandits picked up people during the pre-dawn chill and strangled them, local police say ◗ Alleged gang leader arrested last week

The little buses looked like any others as they rattled down the dirt streets of El Alto, Bolivia, collecting people headed to work in the pre-dawn chill.

But authorities say they were death traps, employed by a murderous band to harvest victims who would be strangled for what little they possessed.

Police are blaming the band for at least 69 killings. Gang members would ride the minibuses posing as passengers, police said. When their prey boarded and dropped into a seat, they were strangled with a rope or scarf and stripped of valuables, according to local police.

The gang's alleged leader, identified as 33-year-old Julio Edwin Valdez, was arrested last week.

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▶ Julio Edwin Valdez is escorted in handcuffs on Feb. 15 by national police officers in La Paz, Bolivia.

Holding. Flowers

▶ A girl holding flowers on Tuesday waits for the arrival of Myanmar pro-democracy leader Aung San Suu Kyi for her election campaign rally in Ahpyauk village.

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Changing the rules

Myanmar election authorities lifted restrictions on political campaigning Monday in an unusually swift response to complaints by Aung San Suu Kyi's National League for Democracy party.

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Greek outlook shaky

Despite second bailout, worth $172 billion US, there is slim chance of recovery, according to economists

A second, $172-billion US bailout and a deep debt writeoff for financially stricken Greece will ward off a financial disaster in Europe.

But economists only give the deal a slim chance of putting the country on the path to economic recovery — and steadying its place in Europe's currency union.

Agreement on the bailout, reached early Tuesday after an all-night summit of finance ministers seven months after it was first proposed, will give Greece loans through 2014 from other eurozone governments and the International Monetary Fund.

The agreement also assumes that banks and investors owed money by Greece will take new bonds that reduce their holdings by more than half.

In return for the second bailout, Greece has agreed to painful and humiliating measures imposed by its mistrustful partners that also use the euro, annoyed after two years of what they say are broken promises to reform.

The global fear is that an uncontrolled bankruptcy could unleash market panic across the rest of the continent, further unsettling other struggling, debt-stricken countries such as Ireland, Portugal or the much bigger Italy or Spain.

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▶ Greek Finance Minister Evangelos Venizelos smiles as he arrives for a news conference in Athens on Tuesday.

Possible pitfalls

- Serious risks of failure include the chance that Greece's economy remains in a deep recession.
- That would undermine chances of paying even the reduced debt load, estimated at a still-high 120 per cent of annual economic output in 2020, down from 160 per cent now.
- Additionally, political outrage over the cutbacks could lead Greek politicians to balk at the tough conditions. That could push rescuer countries — led by Germany — to cut off further funding.

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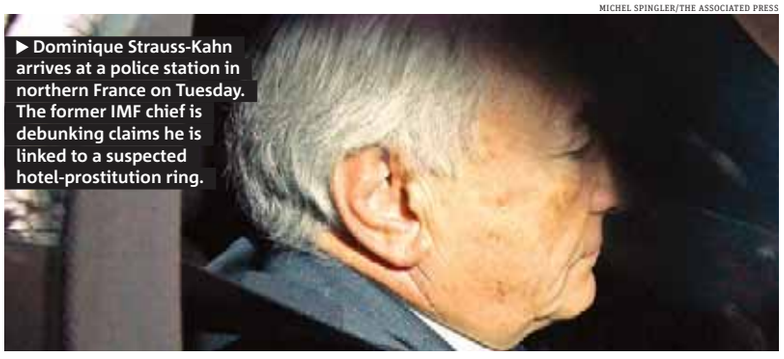

▶ Dominique Strauss-Kahn arrives at a police station in northern France on Tuesday. The former IMF chief is debunking claims he is linked to a suspected hotel-prostitution ring.

More grief for ex-IMF boss

Dominique Strauss-Kahn questioned over alleged prostitution ring Case dubbed 'The Carlton Affair'

Former International Monetary Fund chief Dominique Strauss-Kahn was being held for questioning Tuesday by French police investigating a suspected hotel-prostitution ring.

Strauss-Kahn, a one-time French presidential hopeful whose chances were derailed by a sexual assault accusation, arrived at the police station in the northern city of Lille for a pre-arranged morning appointment and was still there in the late afternoon.

Police have questioned prostitutes who said they had sex with Strauss-Kahn during 2010 and 2011 at a hotel in Paris, a restaurant in the French capital and also in Washington, D.C.

French law permits police to question Strauss-Kahn for 48 hours, and then for another 48 hours with a judge's approval.

Strauss-Kahn lived in the U.S. capital while he was head of the IMF before resigning his position in May after he was charged by New York police with making a hotel maid perform oral sex. The charges were later dropped.

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RIM reveals new PlayBook update

Announcement may come too late for struggling company RIM still lagging behind in tablet market

Ten months after the release of Research in Motion's first tablet, the device finally has an app to access email.

But analysts say it may be too late for the Waterloo, Ont.-based company to make a dent in the tablet market, particularly with a new iPad rumoured to be on the way, possibly within weeks.

RIM released an update for its PlayBook tablet Tuesday, adding a host of features including the ability to access email without connecting to a BlackBerry or using a web-based account.

The email app can consolidate corporate and personal accounts as well as messages from social networks including Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn.

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The 2.0 version of the PlayBook operating system also includes web-browser enhancements, new calendar, contacts and video-chat apps, and an updated version of BlackBerry Bridge, which allows a BlackBerry to control the PlayBook tablet like a remote.

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The Oscars are coming up this Sunday.

I love the Oscars — the glitz, the fun, the drama, the suspense.

Of course, when my favourite movie doesn't win and some piece of schmaltz does, I'm left braying at the TV: "Who voted for Driving Miss Daisy? Who are these people? Don't they know anything?"

Now, thanks to the LA Times, I have the answer, which is: People Just Like Me.

After an exhaustive and pointless investigation — pointless because even though millions are starving and the planet is in peril, the LA Times is squandering precious dwindling journalistic resources on revealing the demographic makeup of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences — the results confirm your worst nightmare.

Ninety-four per cent of the people who vote the Oscars are white. Seventy-seven per cent are male. Their median age is 62, and just 14 per cent of the membership is under 50.

Two per cent are black.

This explains a lot. Like why Steven Spielberg must be nominated for something every year, even if it's War Horse. Steven Spielberg is the king of all the old white guys.

It explains why your little indie fave did not get nominated for best picture. Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close, which stars Tom Hanks, the duke of all the old white guys, did.

It explains why Bob Hope hosted the Oscars 18 times and why Billy Crystal's back this year, after Oscar's tragic experiment with the under-50 demographic last year. Remember James Franco and Anne Hathaway? Why send a couple of dumb kids out to do an old white guy's job when you can get Billy?

Eddie Murphy was supposed to host the Oscars this year, but quit to support show producer Brett Ratner (old white guy) who was fired for an alleged racial slur. How's that for irony?

Anyway, now that Billy's back, order has been restored in the old-white-guy universe, and we can get on with voting for Steve.

The problem, as anyone who ever hangs out in west L.A. knows, is that almost everyone in the movie business is an old white guy, and it's really hard to break in unless, like their descendants, you "know somebody." So if you're black, Latino, female and — especially — under 50, shut up and go to Sundance.

That said, the boys are suckers for interracial drama (see Driving Miss Daisy). And The Help, which takes a timely, fearless look at interracial drama circa 1963, is nominated this year. So my peeps are going to have a tough time deciding between that and Steve Who Must Be Nominated.

My money's on The Help. We may be old, but we're enlightened.

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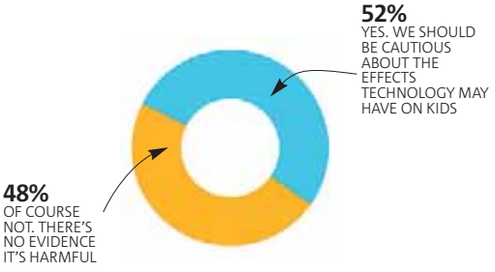

Local tweets

- **@stuartrmwatson:** Being brave and downloading the #blackberry #playbook update on the first day of release. Fingers crossed.
- **@TDotOpenLetter:** Dear Rob Ford, ripping up the Jarvis bike lane cost us $250K and firing Webster will cost us $500K. Any more gravy you want to throw around?
- **@snyberTO:** Raw emotion among cllrs who were Ford supporters until last month means escalating this war is destroying Ford's hope of regaining control.
- **@macdonaldfraser:** Gary Webster should have been fired long ago. #TTC is disastrously run. #tocouncil
- **@JoshMatlow:** City hall is no longer simply divided b/w left & right. The majority of us, right, centre & left, are now working together for Toronto.
- **@kvonbling:** Di Giorgio: "In bureaucracy, excellence defined" as "ability 2 work consistently w/ vision of mayor." wht if that vision mediocre? #topoli
- **@Rick_City:** The Colorado Avalanche aren't good at trading. At least not as good as most other teams.

Daily Zoom

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Photographer makes 'pop art'

MACROPHOTOGRAPHY. It's the humble bubble, revealed in extraordinary, psychedelic detail. Amateur photographer Jane Thomas's close-up shots capture the stunning patterns that form in soapy water before it is blown out through an ordinary bubble wand. Thomas told Metro she discovered "bubble art" while washing dishes.

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60 seconds

Jane Thomas, 58, retired music teacher and amateur photographer from Ayrshire, southwest Scotland.

How did you discover "bubble art"?
I was doing the washing up! I saw some soap suds inside a grill pan. On closer inspection, I noticed they were changing colour and developing patterns. Straight away I thought it would be a great subject for macrophotography, so I forgot about the dishes and got out the camera!

Do you add colours to this bubble mixture?
No, I just use washing-up liquid or shampoo — the thicker and less diluted, the better, so that patterns move slower and last longer. Like fingerprints, no two patterns are ever the same — only more colourful. The colours are natural and anyone can see them with the naked eye if they hold a flat film of soap in a ring and hold it up to the light.

What inspired you to take such colourful photographs?
My husband Geoffrey. Although he is totally blind, years of describing things to him has made me more observant. I notice things in more detail these days.

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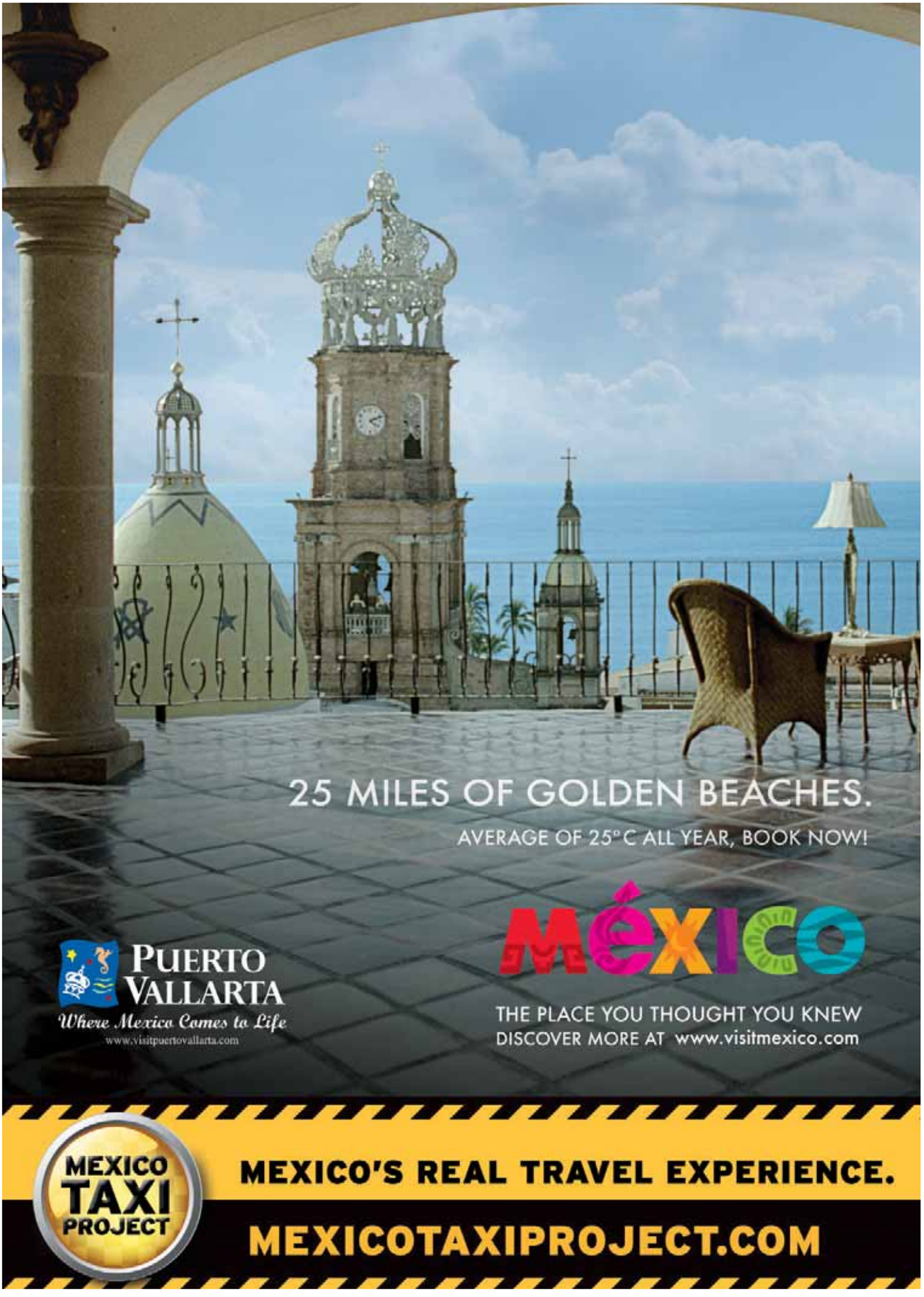
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Rihanna, Brown reunite

On Monday, they both put out tracks featuring each other ◗ We all remember what happened three years ago ◗ Should we applaud their collaboration, or be appalled?

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▶ Brown was featured prominently at the Grammys this year, indicating the music industry had forgiven him for beating Rihanna before the 2009 Grammys.

You'll never forget that image of Rihanna from 2009, after she was beaten by her then-boyfriend, R&B singer Chris Brown. But can you forgive? Apparently, Rihanna can: On Monday, she released a remix of her hit song Birthday Cake featuring an appearance by Brown.

"I've been missing your body," he raps, while she adds: "I know you wanna bite this, it's so enticing." (The YouTube video she posted has no images, just text that says: "Yikes.")

Meanwhile, Brown released a track called Turn Up the Music with vocals by Rihanna.

Earlier that day — Rihanna's 24th birthday — the duo also tweeted one another sweet messages.

"HAPPY BIRTHDAY ROBYN," wrote Brown, using her birth name. Rihanna thanked him via retweet, just minutes later.

Their apparent reconciliation comes after controversy last week, when Brown was featured prominently at the Grammys, indicating the music industry has also forgiven him.

Tweeting after the show last week, musician Miranda Lambert wrote: "Where I come from, beating up on a women is never OK."

The whole drama leaves us wondering what this says to women who have been victims of assault within a romantic relationship.

Dr. Sheri Jacobson, clinical director of Harley Therapy, a psychotherapy centre, believes it could send a disturbing message about how maltreatment can be overlooked, or even accepted: "In a romantic sense, it has the danger of a creating a false reality as not everyone has the mental or emotional capacity for change," she tells Metro.

"Hopefully it won't encourage people to look up to Rihanna and Brown as a new ideal, and make them think it's OK to go back to a violent partner."

On the other hand, Brown seems to have learned from his mistakes. He has apologized on television for the 2009 incident.

"I'd like to think that we can believe in people to repair, heal and develop," says Jacobson.

"Brown appears to have learned his lesson and has certainly paid heavily for his behaviour toward Rihanna. In that light, it would be distressing if they were to be frowned upon — one strike and he's out.

"If you really care for someone," she continues, "as seems to be the case here, you tend to overlook and tolerate their behaviour. You can't carry it through without some kind of human emotion, romantic or not.

And whatever happens between them, people will always be watching."

Fans react

After the birthday tweets between Brown and Rihanna, followers responded with a flurry of mixed reactions.

- **Optimism:** "C'mon guys -_- I love ya together!!!! Get back together! If ya really love each other! Effff these haterZ! <3 muahzz!," one fan tweeted.
- **Concern:** Another follower was less enthusiastic, tweeting to Rihanna, "Remember bobby brown and Whitney Houston and what happen to her thanks to him. I love ur singing and don't want anything to happen to you <3."

2 scene

Queen concert

Former American Idol singer Adam Lambert is joining landmark rock band Queen for one concert this summer, at Sonisphere 2012. Queen's Brian May and Roger Taylor confirmed Tuesday that the American singer-songwriter will perform vocals for the band's headline set on the second day of the Sonisphere 2012 rock festival. The concert takes place July 7 at Knebworth Park in Stevenage, north of London.

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Will Good Deeds go unnoticed?

Tyler Perry's movies get an average rating of around 50 per cent on Rotten Tomatoes ● But Forbes pegs him as the highest-paid man in entertainment ● His latest film, Good Deeds, hits theatres this weekend

IN FOCUS

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Most "name" directors have a trademark that makes their movies instantly recognizable.

Is there a long tracking shot? Must be Scorsese. How about a blue sun flare? That's Spielberg. A car trunk shot? Thanks Tarantino. A man in drag as a pistol-packing grandmother? Well that would be Tyler Perry. His trademark isn't as auspicious as, say, John Woo's slow motion doves, but what Tyler's movies lack stylistically they generally make up in box office success.

This weekend's Good Deeds isn't likely to make Tyler's name synonymous with auteur, but when Forbes calls you the highest paid man in entertainment — he took home $130 million between May 2010 and 2011 — no other title really matters.

But what if you've never seen a Tyler Perry movie? For the uninitiated, here's a checklist of how to spot a Perry film.

1. Is there a character named Mabel (Madea) Simmons? She is the cornerstone on which Perry built his empire. Perry has played the argumentative character in dozens of productions on stage, TV and in movies like Madea Goes to Jail. Entertainment Weekly put the character on its end-of-the-decade "best-of" list saying, "Tyler Perry's Madea is the profane, gun-toting granny you never had but (maybe) wish you did." Weird accent — she says things like, "Halleluyer! Praise da lort!" — and bad behaviour aside, Madea is usually used to teach a lesson.

2. Is the story melodramatic, up-lifting and/or redemptive? While none of those traits are exclusive to Perry's films, he manages to highlight the melodramatic aspects of his stories in ways not usually seen outside of The Young and the Restless. As for uplift and redemption, Perry's deeply held religious beliefs bleed into his films and plots, which frequently reference Christian values. "I don't want to do movies just to do movies," he says. "I want to do movies that inspire, motivate and change lives."

3. Do the critics hate it? If so, it might be a Perry film. His average Rotten Tomatoes rating clocks in around 50 per cent, and The Times suggests that his movies have "a little something for everyone, as long as you're not expecting too much." Does Perry care? Not so much. "The highbrow. They don't get it," he says.

4. Lastly, and this is the dead give-a-way, most of his films have his name in the title.

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Get ready to Shrek for joy

Shrek the Musical coming to the Toronto Centre for the Arts for short run

While the February doldrums may still be with us here in Toronto, in a land far far away, it is very very green; only by green I'm not referring to springtime, but about everyone's favourite curmudgeon ogre: Shrek.

DanCap's production of Shrek the Musical opens Mar. 20 at the Toronto Centre for the Arts.

Shrek the Musical has lovingly turned the hit animated movie into a stage production featuring the most popular characters from the Shrek series, including Shrek himself, Princess Fiona, Donkey and Pinocchio who express their not-so-fairy tales via song.

The musical's storyline is similar to the first Shrek movie: exiled and ugly Ogre Shrek falls in love with the beautiful Princess Fiona, who is engaged to the evil Lord Farquadd.

JOAN MARCUS

▶ Shrek the Musical opens Mar. 20 at the Toronto Centre for the Arts.

Fans of the movie will be happy to know that the same tongue-in-cheek humour that spoofed archetypical fairy tales and which made the Shrek movies such fan-favourites is faithfully recreated in Shrek the Musical ensuring that both adults and kids will enjoy it.

For those who want to know how they can live happily ever after Shrek the Musical is on stage from Mar. 20 – Apr. 1 at Toronto Centre for the Arts. Check out sceneopolis.com for over 25 per cent off tickets.

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Klum sticking to her guns on Seal

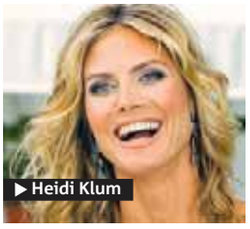
It looks like any hope of Heidi Klum and Seal patching things up have been dashed, as Klum reportedly feels better and better about her decision to file for divorce every day, according to People magazine.

"They have had very little contact and Heidi wants to keep it this way," a source says.

"She feels less stressed out now and feels it's best to be away from Seal, so she doesn't get confused about her feelings. She is moving forward with the divorce."

Some fans held out hope for reconciliation as the famous couple continued to wear their wedding rings.

"(They) thought they might be able to work it out. But it doesn't look like it's going that way," the source says. METRO


▶ Heidi Klum

Talking points

Sheen offers an apology to Kutcher

BUT NO APOLOGY FOR THE SHOW. Charlie Sheen clearly had second thoughts about his recent harsh words about Ashton Kutcher and the new season of Two and a Half Men, as he's issued an apology to his sitcom replacement — via TMZ, of course.

"Dear Ashton. My bad. I was disrespectful to a man doing his best," Sheen writes. "I got excited and threw you into the crossfire, but the rest of my statement I stand behind. You however, deserve better. Safety in your travels sir."

The part of his previous tirade that he's not apologizing for?

"I'm tired of pretending the show doesn't suck," he said, adding that Kutcher is "saddled with bad writing." METRO

Katy Perry is not Tebowing

HYPE FOR HYPE'S SAKE Tim Tebow insists that he and Katy Perry are not dating — much to the dismay of Perry's mother.

"No, there's not" any truth to the hookup rumours, Tebow tells Hollyscoop. "I'm just having fun and enjoying my life, trying to enjoy every moment and not get too caught up in any of the hype." METRO

Celebrity tweets

@AlbertBrooks
"I'm feeling so good this morning that I set my doomsday watch back by a whole minute."

@lindsaylohan
"iTunes is DRIVING ME INSANE... why does it do this? It literally, is LYING to me and saying that my security code is NOT correct & IT IS!"

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A new side of Florida

From Dali to animatronic dolphins, here's a side of Florida you never knew existed
David Downing, of the St. Pete and Clearwater visitor bureau, shares what's hot this winter

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THROUGH A LENS DARKLY/FLICKR

▶ The pier at Fort DeSoto.

Great for families

"Parents magazine just rated our Fort DeSoto Park the No. 1 Family Beach in the USA," Downing says. He attributes this ranking to the fact the shallow beach is "almost like a swimming pool." The picnic areas, campgrounds and bike rentals all add to the family-friendly destination.

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Live the movies

You can meet Winter, the world's most famous animatronic dolphin and inspiration for the film Dolphin Tale, at the Clearwater Marine Aquarium. The exhibit Winter's Dolphin Tale Adventure showcases Winter as well as sets from the film.

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▶ St. Petersburg at night.

Drink up!

Although St. Petersburg might have a reputation as a sleepy beach town, Downing boasts that the nightlife is world-class.

"In a five-block radius, there are 25 bars, restaurants, nightclubs, dancing, live music — and most stay open until 3 a.m."

He tells us one of the best things about St. Petersburg is the convenient fact that you don't need a car.

"If you stay in our downtown, you can just walk around or rent a golf car for a couple of bucks to hit all of the sites," he says.

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Meet Florida's cultural side

The Dali Museum just celebrated their first anniversary of a new facility, according to Downing. "It's the most comprehensive collection of Dali's work in the world," he says.

October will mark the first major visiting exhibition by Jeff Koons.

Also a must-see? The Museum of Fine Arts in St. Petersburg — the new director led the education department at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York for 18 years.

3 life

Travel in brief

Florida's tourism agency says a record 85.9 million people visited the state last year. Visit Florida said that the estimated total was a 4.4 per cent increase over 2010 and the highest number since 2007.
The number shows Florida tourism — the state's leading industry — has rebounded from a crippling recession and 2010 oil spill that kept visitors away from its beaches and attractions.
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Just in time for Carnival: A beginner's guide to Brazil's city of contrasts

A silent journey

With the new silent film The Artist nominated for best picture at the Academy Awards this weekend, it's time to embrace some silent film history

From around 1910 to the late 1920s, the silent film industry dominated Los Angeles. Without permits, unions or worries about sound, filmmakers could just grab a camera and shoot scenes on the spot, transforming various L.A. locales into any place the script called for. Hollywood was truly the Wild West, infinitely more accessible than now.

The Artist, a Golden Globe winner and Oscar contender that hearkens back to the lost art of telling a story in black and white, without talking, has renewed interest in that early genre. Fortunately, many of the locations where exteriors were filmed during the silent film era still exist today, and you can find them hidden around the city.

"Southern California was perfectly situated" as a backdrop for all types of movie settings, said film historian John Bengtson, author of a number of books about the era, including Silent Traces: Discovering Early Hollywood Through the Films of Charlie Chaplin.

"There was a diversity of geological features, the beach, desert," Bengtson said. "There were rough terrains for the Westerns. There were mountains. There were lakes. Downtown Los Angeles was a thriving city, so you got your urban shots. It was just ideal."

Bengtson started researching then-and-now locations from scenes in the films of silent comedy stars Buster Keaton, Charlie Chaplin and Harold Lloyd more than 15 years ago, without the help of the Internet. He's since identified dozens of locations, and has conducted various silent film walking tours.

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▶ The Jim Henson Company Lot boasts an image of Charlie Chaplin. The lot was originally built for Charlie Chaplin Studios in 1918.

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▶ Stan Laurel and Oliver Hardy used this staircase for a scene in their films Hats Off and The Music Box.

One famous image from that era that lives on shows Lloyd clumsily climbing up the side of a building in downtown Los Angeles to escape a police officer in the 1923 romantic comedy Safety Last!

Lloyd, in his signature straw hat and round horn-rimmed glasses, then grasps onto a large clock on the building. He hangs on for dear life with traffic rushing far below.

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▶ Harold Lloyd famously hung off a clock on this building in Safety Last!

The tall building in downtown L.A. where Lloyd shot that famed clock scene still stands, at 908 S. Broadway. The clock, constructed specifically for the movie, doesn't.

A building facade was actually built on the 908 S. Broadway building's roof, along with a camera tower to film the set, in order to create the illusion of steep height, keeping the building's roof out of frame, but with actual views of the street below, said Bengtson.

"They didn't have CGI (computer generated imagery) then. They did have glass paintings," said Randy Haberkamp, the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences' director of educational programming. "They would paint out part of the city. You would see a famous hill in the Los Angeles area, and you would say, 'Where was that house there?' The artists of that era were so clever."

Kansas-born actor and director Keaton is best known for silent films from the late 1920s like Steamboat Bill Jr. and The General, set in the American Civil War.

In his 1921 short film Hard Luck, a suicidal and broke Keaton gets into all sorts of shenanigans, including being chased by a bear and unsuccessfully trying to hang himself.

At one point, eluding police, he poses as a statue next to an imposing bronze statue of General Harrison Gray Otis, longtime owner and publisher of the Los Angeles Times, in MacArthur Park, 2230 W. Sixth St., by Wilshire and Park View Street, west of downtown.

The statue still stands today, pointing in the direction of Otis' old house.

Actor, writer and director Chaplin, iconic as a vagrant, big-hearted character known as the Tramp in many of his silent films, complete with bushy short moustache and black bowler hat, filmed all around L.A. before settling into his Charlie Chaplin Studios, 1416 N. La Brea Ave., in the heart of Hollywood.

The structure is now the Jim Henson Company Lot, with a statue of Henson creation Kermit the Frog dressed as Chaplin in his recognizable hat and jacket above the main gate. Concrete footprints of Chaplin are also there.

"Sometimes, when it comes to talking, sometimes less is more. I think people who love silent films really appreciate body language and other things that are communicated. There's a deeper human understanding that you can get," said Haberkamp.

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- **Silent movie locations:** Detailed information on books, tours and history from film historian John Bengtson at silentlocations.wordpress.com

Washington ate here

New exhibit at George Washington's Mount Vernon estate showcases George Washington's cookware

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▶ Chef Walter Staib of the PBS show A Taste of History and Mary Wiseman, portraying Martha Washington, look over a dish at the opening of a new exhibit at Mount Vernon, Va.

A heart-shaped waffle iron? It sounds like the kind of last-minute gift a husband buys for his wife at if he forgot flowers on Valentine's Day.

But this particular heart-shaped waffle iron belonged to none other than the father of the United States, George Washington. The waffle iron and dozens of other food-related items are going on display at Washington's Mount Vernon, Va., estate for a new exhibition, Hoecakes & Hospitality: Cooking with Martha Washington.

The exhibition, which opens Saturday in the museum on the estate's grounds, features a number of unusual kitchen items that belonged to the Washingtons.

The exhibits provide some insights into Washington's preferred eating habits. Numerous written accounts document Washington's appreciation for hoecakes, a pancake made of cornmeal that could be cooked, if need be, out in the field over open coals on the surface of a garden hoe. Washington was said to prefer his swimming in butter and honey.

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My favourite spot in Canada

ERIC PETERSON: QU'APPELLE VALLEY, SASK.

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My favourite place in Canada would be the Qu'Appelle Valley in Saskatchewan, specifically Lake Katepwa.

I grew up in Saskatchewan and we had a cottage there. It's a very beautiful valley and kind of unexpected (in this area). I think that is one of the wonders of it.

It runs north and to the east of Regina. The name Qu'Appelle is from a Cree legend. Evidently an Aboriginal person — a young brave — was returning by canoe up the lakes and he hears his name called as his wife is dying and he says "Qu'Appelle" ("Who is calling?" or "Qui appelle?" in French). His name is the last word she says and by the time he gets there she has died. But he heard her call.

The real surprise is it's in the prairie part of the province — three-quarters of Saskatchewan is like Ontario — but in the prairie part from Prince Albert down it's the Prairies.

Driving along Highway 56 you have no indication that there is anything but prairies and then suddenly you come over this hill and it's quite breathtaking.

Of course I'm very biased to it because I spent all my summers there as a kid.

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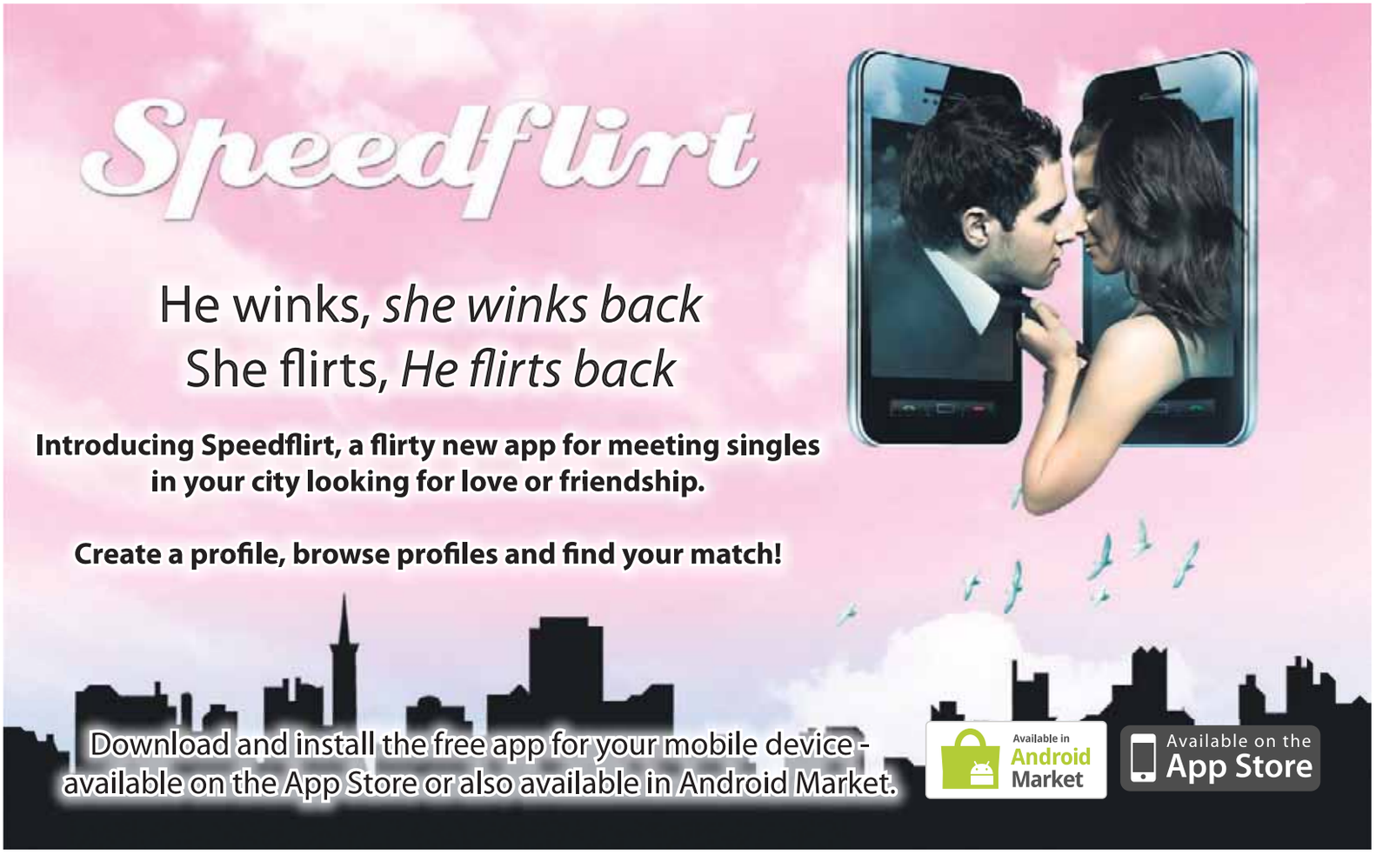

Welcome to the wild west

Who says you need to go to Africa for a safari? British Columbia's fauna offers a wild adventure in Canada

From the temperate rainforests along the coast to the glaciers of the Rocky Mountains, from tundra in the north to arid desert in the south, British Columbia encompasses a vast array of landscape and wildlife. Canada's western edge is home to half of its grizzly population, a quarter of the brown bear population, and almost all of the world's remaining mountain caribou, an endangered species that has disappeared from most of its original habitat in North America.

At almost 945,000 square kilometres in area, the province is larger than Washington, Oregon and California combined. France and the United Kingdom together would fit within the borders of British Columbia, which is larger than both Turkey and Tanzania.

The province has 488 species of birds, 480 species of fish, 136 species of mammals, 20 species of amphibians and 16 species of reptiles. Three-quarters of Canada's mammal species are found in British Columbia, and 24 of those species are exclusive to the province.

Indeed, the most difficult thing about a wildlife safari in British Columbia is finding enough time to do it all.

Grizzly Bears

The Khutzeymateen grizzly bear sanctuary, 40 kilometres north of Prince Rupert on the north coast, is Canada's only such sanctuary for these magnificent bruins. The 45,000-hectare refuge, managed jointly by the province and the Tsimshian First Nation, is also home to moose, wolves and migrating owls. Offshore, find orca and humpback whales dining in the fjords and harbour seals keeping a keen eye on visitors. But the main event in Khutzeymateen is the estimated 50 grizzly bears that make it their home. Park access is restricted, as the purpose is the protection of grizzly habitat, but there is some limited public access as well as guided viewing available from river estuaries.

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Kermode or Spirit Bear

There is a legend of the Kitasoo Xaixais people that Raven turned these black bears white to remind people that the land was once covered by glaciers, so they should be thankful for the bounty of today. The best time for viewing these rare bears in the Great Bear Rainforest is September and October, when they gather along rivers to feed on spawning salmon. Spirit Bear Adventures and Kynoch Adventure Tours offer guided trips.

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Black/Brown Bears

The Cariboo Mountains in the Interior of the province come alive with black bears and grizzlies from May to October. Cariboo Mountains Provincial Park and the larger Wells Gray Provincial Park offer camping and trails, and several outfitters offer guided tours, including Eco-Tours BC, which recently played host to Scottish comedian Billy Connolly for a segment of his show "Billy Connolly's Journey to the Edge of the World."

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Whales

On the West Coast of Vancouver Island, Tofino and Ucluelet bid adieu to winter and welcome whale watching season with the annual Pacific Rim Whale Festival, taking place this year from March 17 to 25 in honour of the arrival of 20,000 grey whales on their annual migration from the Baja Peninsula of Mexico to the Bering Sea.

Humpback whales, knobby behemoths that can grow up to 16 metres long, can be seen up and down the coast on their summer migration north, but one of the most spectacular backdrops for seeing them has to be Haida

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▶ The Khutzeymateen grizzly bear sanctuary is home to 50 grizzly bears.

Gwaii, often referred to as Canada's Galapagos.

Home to Gwaii Hanaas National Park and Skung Gwaii, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, this collection of islands is ideal viewing territory from late spring to early summer. Sea lions, horned puffins and Dall's porpoises also call Haida Gwaii home.

Orca or killer whales can be seen anywhere along the B.C. coast.

Resident pods are commonly seen from April to November, often in Haro Strait and the San Juan Islands, while the northern residents are often seen in the Johnstone Strait area. Transient pods wander from Alaska to California.

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Caribou

Their name apparently comes from a Mi'kmaq word meaning one who paws at the ground. They are shy, migratory and considered a threatened species, so seeing caribou cannot be done from a car window. Tweedsmuir, Wells Grey, Spatsizi and Mount Revelstoke are among the parks these animals are known to traverse.

Bighorn Sheep

Junction Sheep Range Provincial, at the confluence of the Chilcotin and Fraser Rivers in central B.C., is home to an internationally significant herd of endangered California bighorn sheep.

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Moose

Take a trip to Moose Valley Provincial Park, 30 kilometres west of 100 Mile House in the B.C. Interior. The aptly named 2,300-hectare park draws these gangly ungulates to a chain of 12 small lakes that make for a relatively easy overnight canoe trip. Guided canoe trips are available in summer and dog sled trips in winter.

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My kids know Gandhi. We first saw him in Winnipeg, then again in Saskatoon. We talked about him in South Africa, Vietnam and New Zealand. They know the figure and the face. But standing at the spot where he was assassinated we all learned more. Following the stone footprints that mark his last path, we stopped to read his words. By the time we left we all understood much more about what it takes to be a hero.

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A museum fit for Sin City

Las Vegas gambles with the publicly-funded Mob Museum ◐ Will crime and violence be a tourist draw?

In one room, a ghastly photo wall of bloody, uncensored images showcases the mob's greatest hits.

In another, visitors are taught to load a revolver. And for when a gun just won't do, an oddball collection of household items — a shovel, a hammer, a baseball bat and an ice pick — show the creative side of some of America's most notorious killers.

On the 83rd anniversary of the St. Valentine's Day Massacre, Sin City honoured one of its earliest relationships with the grand opening of a museum dedicated to the mobsters that made this desert town. There are tommy guns, money stacks and a bullet-riddled brick wall from the 1929 massacre that saw Al Capone seize control of the Chicago mob.

Las Vegas has long been enamoured with its gangster roots. Its longtime former mayor played himself in the mob flick Casino and hotels here often promote their nefarious origins. But the publicly-funded, $42-million Mob Museum represents a new height in Sin City's lawlessness devotion. Even the local FBI agents are in on it.

"We wanted to make sure the truth came out," said Ellen Knowlton, a former special agent in Las Vegas brought on to legitimize the downtown attraction.

It's the second mob-themed attraction to open in Las Vegas in the past year. The Mob Experience at the Tropicana casino on the Las Vegas Strip quickly

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▶ A photo of Detroit's Purple Gang is displayed outside the Mob Museum.

▶ The crime themed washrooms at the Mob Museum

▶ This weapon display, including an ice pick and baseball bat, shows the creative side of some mobsters.

shut down because of slow ticket sales and other problems. It's slated to reopen later this year under the name Mob Attraction Las Vegas.

City officials said their version will perform better because it's an authentic examination of the decisions and circumstances that made Las Vegas an international symbol of debauchery and excess. The museum is housed in a former Depression-era federal courthouse, where the seventh of 14 U.S. Senate hearings on organized crime was held in the early 1950s. The proceedings watched by 30 million people introduced the mob to most Americans.

Nevadans and mobsters have a long, storied history.

Casino workers and longtime visitors alike are known to wax nostalgic about the days when mob bosses kept drink prices low and streets violence-free. Their casinos became celebrity playgrounds and architectural icons. The Stardust, El Cortez, Tropicana, Dunes Hotel, Desert Inn, Flamingo and Fremont Hotel were all backed by the mob at one point. Elvis and Priscilla Presley tied the knot at the mob-controlled Aladdin resort and Wayne Newton later purchased it.

More recently, Las Vegans thrice made former mob attorney Oscar Goodman their mayor. And when he was term-limited from running again last year, they gave the job to his wife.

The mob, the story goes, helped build out the remote highway that would eventually become the Las Vegas Strip. Gangsters took over resorts built by front men, skimmed the profits and built nightclubs, country clubs, housing tracts and shopping centres.

Increased law enforcement scrutiny and competition from business titans like Howard Hughes saw Las Vegas turn corporate in the late 1960s. Then the celebrity chefs and Cirque du Soleil dancers moved in. These days, Las Vegas feels more like a raunchy version of Disney World than a mob hangout.

"We felt nostalgic the moment the old days ended," said Michael Green, a history professor at the College of Southern Nevada in Las Vegas working with the museum. "To Americans, Las Vegas will always have that image, and they don't come here for Mickey Mouse."

Museum officials deny that they are sensationalizing the mob experience to sell tickets, which cost up to $18 each.

But the museum's extensive photography collection depicting cratered heads, imploded cars and full body bags likely will be its biggest draw among fans expecting a hefty dose of mob violence.

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Gangster gifts

A small gift store also plays up the mob's bloodthirsty reputation. The shelves lined with novelty items feature mobster paper dolls and gangster teddy bears dressed in striped suits and armed with plastic machine-guns. A T-shirt reads: "In Godfather We Trust."

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When all the glam and glare of the Vegas lights get a bit too bright, not far away lies a little haven of casino history, set against one of the most stunning and scenic backdrops in Nevada.

Back in the day, Lake Tahoe was 'the' place where stars, dignitaries, and even the notorious Rat Pack came to stay and play while recharging their famous batteries.

Now, being a major Sinatra fan, it was a particular thrill to pull up to the front entrance of the very retro, very cool, very old school Cal Neva Lodge, especially since it almost seemed as though Frank, Dean and Sammy might still be crooning a tune inside the Frank Sinatra showroom.

In fact Frank owned the resort for a few years back in the '60s. Even the big neon sign out front hasn't changed much since the Rat Pack hung out here.

Once inside it was like walking back in time. Some slots still actually worked with real coins instead of high-tech player cards.

One of the main draw cards for me, despite my claustrophobia, was the little-known secret underground tunnel tour.

Four days a week, Neva offers visitors a chance to go deep underground, to experience a little known piece of celebrity history. I felt like I was entering an ancient brick dungeon, as our guide explained this cramped tunnel was built so Sinatra could hide from the throngs during his daily trip from his luxury cabin out back, to the casino showroom. Deep in the bowels of this dark and spooky passageway, I noticed a small X marked on the wall, which, it turns out, marks a very notorious spot. This is supposedly the exact place where then-president John F. Kennedy and Marilyn Monroe consummated their clandestine relationship, while unsuspecting gamblers spent their money on the casino floor directly above.

"Ring a ding ding!" as Frank would say. That's some entertaining folklore for the $10 tour price. The Cal Neva and other Tahoe casinos still have that intimate small-town feel. Despite the fact Tahoe has obviously expanded over the years, it has managed to retain its natural beauty. Where else can you ski and hike amid stunning scenery all morning, and still get back to the casino in time to lose the kids college money by nightfall?

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In The Chips: Casablanca

Everybody comes to Rick's Café Américain in the movie Casablanca, whether it's for cocktails, food, forged letters of transit or hopes of winning big at roulette.

Though you'll likely want to stick to the first two.

If you're looking to gamble on something new, why not try some potato chip cookies, a twist on the traditional snack.

We can't guarantee your friends will be shocked — shocked! — but they may be mildly surprised.

Potato Chip Cookies Preparation:

1. In the bowl of an electric mixer, beat together the unsalted butter, with brown sugar.
2. Add the egg and beat again. Add the flour, baking powder, finely crushed potato chips and sliced almonds. Mix until combined.
3. Scoop by teaspoonful onto parchment-lined baking sheets and bake for 10 to 12 minutes in a 180 C (350 F) oven.

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Moroccan Sour Cocktail

Here's a recipe for a spicy whiskey sour that would be right at home in the '40s nightclub scene that serves as the background for Casablanca.

Preparation:

1. In double old-fashioned glass, stir whiskey, lemon juice, sugar, ginger, turmeric and cinnamon until sugar is dissolved. Add 1 ice cube and top with a splash of seltzer water. Garnish with a lemon twist.

Ingredients:

- 60 ml (2 oz) whiskey
- Juice of half a lemon
- 5 ml (1 tsp) sugar
- Pinch dry ground ginger
- Pinch of turmeric
- Pinch of cinnamon
- Seltzer water
- Lemon twist

Scarlett Fever: Gone with the Wind

Serve some Manchego cheese toasts on the side for an elegant nibble. This appetizer uses banana bread, a food that came into vogue in the 1930s as baking powder and baking soda became staples of the American kitchen.

It's not likely you'll have leftovers, but if you do, fiddle-dee-dee! Tomorrow is another day.

Manchego Banana Bites Preparation:

1. Slice banana bread thinly and cut into 5-cm (2-inch) rounds with a small cookie cutter.
2. In a skillet, melt butter over medium-high.
3. Toast banana bread rounds in buttered skillet.
4. Serve topped with slices of Manchego cheese and toasted pecans.

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Ingredients:

- 1 banana bread
- butter for frying
- 24 Manchego cheese slices
- 24 toasted pecans

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This recipe makes 24 rounds.

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Don't let rejection stand in your way

It's easy to get discouraged during a job hunt But even a 'no' means you can focus on other opportunities

LAUREN STEIN
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It's a rush getting that email or phone call — when those hours of rewriting, reformatting and self-branding have inspired someone to ask whether the flesh-and-blood You might be available to meet.

I was bursting with anticipation when I recently discovered, thanks to some LinkedIn sleuthing, an opening for a social media/communications position at a company that just happened to employ an old acquaintance of mine.

I sent my contact a message immediately, pouncing on the opportunity.

As a recent graduate of the Concordia University creative writing program, let me tell you, the worst part isn't getting that rejection letter — it's waiting for it to arrive.

The best part of working your network is that waiting is almost non-existent. I heard back from my contact the same day, not only with a request for my paper-self, but an inquiry about my availabilities so that an interview could be scheduled.

Within hours I had an interview set and some pep in my step.

Things got a little murky when, the following day, my contact had to swap our interview to another time, and I proactively suggested a place and time. I never received a confirmation.

Fast-forward to the scheduled time and place: I decided to assume that no response leaned toward the affirmative. I was prepared, dressed appropriately, arrived early. And I waited. I waited for a half hour before I sent my contact a message to ask if we were still meeting. I waited another 15 minutes to see if maybe he got lost/stuck in traffic/couldn't find parking/slept in.

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Lauren Stein

I eventually did get a response from my contact, stating that the position had already been filled.

Like most things that involve putting yourself out there (job hunting, writing, dating, Canadian Idol auditions), the easiest thing to do is get discouraged. If you've just graduated, whether you're working part-time or volunteering alongside your job search process, don't wallow if things aren't working out.

Where I am now

I'm still on the prowl for career-launching employment, but am currently part-timing at a coffee house and I've applied to the creative book publishing post-grad certificate program at Humber College. I'm also writing and submitting my work to various literary magazines, for which, even after 100 days of waiting, I always get some kind of response.

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Key take-aways

- Use your network — it's not a sure thing, but it will get you talking to the right people
- Don't get discouraged by rejection
- Find an activity or hobby unrelated to job hunting that you enjoy

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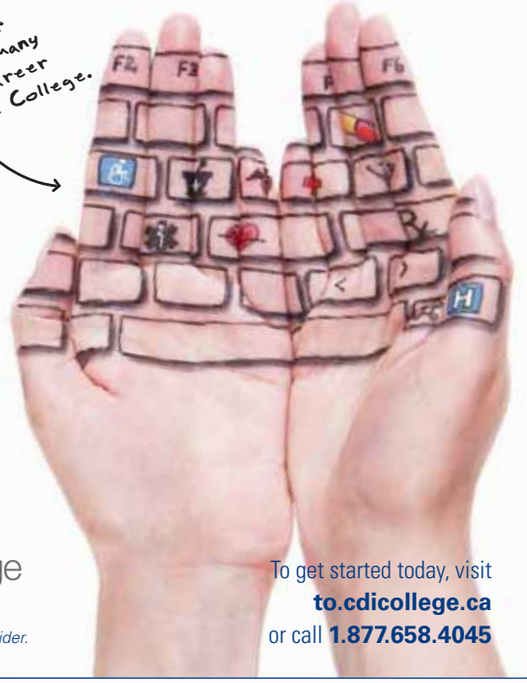
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Rhythm is all about ... math?

Study finds pattern in classical music Beethoven most rhythmically predictable; Mozart the least

Elvis Presley once said that when you have rhythm, you have it all over. Now, a McGill University professor has used advanced mathematics to prove that The King was more right than he knew.

Daniel Levitin has found, hidden within nearly 2,000 pieces of classical music, a mathematical pattern that not only holds constant over 400 years of musical history, but also corresponds to fluctuations in everything from the human heartbeat to traffic flow on busy highways.

"I think it's mind-blowing," said Levitin.

"Nobody's claiming that the composers know the equation or were trying to fit their work to the equation ... (but) they're writing music that conforms to it, perhaps because the brain responds preferentially to it."

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▶ Ann Margret and Elvis Presley in Viva Las Vegas.

Physicists call the equation in question a one-over-f power distribution.

Levitin and his colleagues took 1,788 different pieces of music by composers from J.S. Bach to Scott Joplin and broke each line of music down according to the length of its individual notes.

"There's a kind of mathematical signature that ties together all the works of an individual composer," Levitin said.

Levitin's analysis didn't extend to jazz or pop music, or to non-Western music such as Indian ragas. But he sees no reason to believe those musics should be any different.

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Calligraphy in a digital world

Art of handwriting still inks unique place in technology-driven society

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▶ Rajiv Surendra, who owns Letters in Ink, does calligraphy at the University of Toronto.

When Rajiv Surendra meets new people in his travels who want to stay in touch, he has a key stipulation when it comes to exchanging messages: put them in the post.

"I have a pile of letters at the end of the year, and sometimes, I flip through and open (them) up again. And it feels like that person is right there with me because their hand is on the paper and you can see it in their writing," he said.

Surendra's affinity for the art of handwriting was cultivated during childhood when he discovered letters from the mid-1800s and was struck by the beauty of the penmanship.

Surendra started to replicate the elaborate script with pencil and pen before discovering the historical tools that helped further propel his delicate penstrokes and fanciful flourishes into an art form.

The self-taught calligrapher now has his own business, Letters In Ink, with the bulk of his work dedicated to addressing envelopes for wedding invitations. He also designs monograms for use in everything from embossing stationary to embroidering on pillowcases.

But not all of his work is permanently preserved, such as writing chalkboard menus in restaurants.

With few opportunities for people to put pen to paper beyond signing cheques and receipts, Surendra believes the increasing rarity of handwriting is a prime reason why there's still a place for calligraphy. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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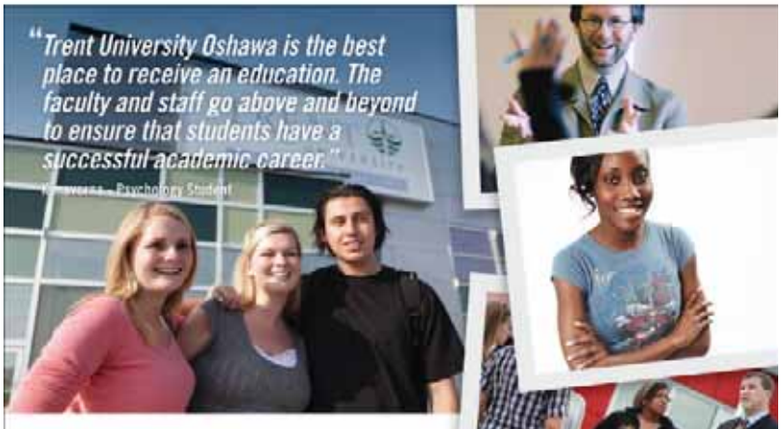

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Deadline looms over Leafs

Brian Burke is unafraid to be bold. But the Toronto Maple Leafs general manager typically doesn't view this time of year as the right moment to swing for the fences.

"I've always tried to beat the trading deadline," Burke said in January 2011 after completing the Joffrey Lupul deal with Anaheim. "I think when you get to the trading deadline it's kind of like a stampede — there's a lot of milling around and a lot of confusion. I think it's much more difficult to act with clarity and purpose at the deadline."

That hasn't kept rumours from being brought up to players on a daily basis for the last couple months as the Feb. 27 deadline approaches. The majority have centred around defenceman Luke Schenn and centre Mikhail Grabovski, an impending unrestricted free agent, but everyone from Jake Gardiner to Clarke MacArthur to Tyler Bozak has been mentioned as well.

All of the chatter can serve as a distraction, particularly for a team as young as the Leafs.

"The fortunate part now is (the deadline is) only week or less than a week away," coach Ron Wilson said Tuesday.

"This week will probably be difficult. But players, it's completely out of their hands."

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▶ Joffrey Lupul collides with New Jersey's Anton Volchenkov as Martin Brodeur looks on.

Devils' night at ACC

Kessel forces overtime, but Fayne nets winner for New Jersey

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Mark Fayne scored 1:18 into overtime as the New Jersey Devils beat the Toronto Maple Leafs 4-3 on Tuesday.

Fayne's shot from the point was going to go wide of the net but Leafs goaltender Jonas Gustavsson decided to play the puck. The shot deflected in off Gustavsson's arm.

Petr Sykora had a goal and an assist for New Jersey (35-20-4), while David Clarkson and former Maple Leafs forward Alexei Ponikarovsky also scored. The Devils have now won four games in a row.

Phil Kessel's 31st goal of the season forced overtime for Toronto (29-24-7) with 44 seconds left in the third period. Tim Connolly scored in the first period, while Clarke MacArthur had a goal in the second.

Martin Brodeur made 29 saves for the win, while Gustavsson stopped 28 for the Leafs.

Kessel's goal came as a result of the forward crashing the net. After Brodeur stopped Tyler Bozak's rush up the left side and despite some pressure from the Devils defence, Kessel got his stick to bang in the rebound.

Not long after Leafs captain Dion Phaneuf got out of the penalty box after a tripping penalty, the Devils jumped in front.

Standing behind the net, Adam Henrique found Sykora with a backhand pass. Some poor checking by the Leafs gave Sykora the time to get two cracks at it.

Gustavsson couldn't hold onto the initial shot and Sykora rounded the helpless goaltender before backhanding in his 14th of the season at 9:44.

The Devils doubled their advantage on a shot that once again really shouldn't have gone in. Clarkson fended off Matthew Lombardi on the right side as he crossed into the Leafs zone before putting a low shot past Gustavsson at 14:16.

Clarkson took exception to a Phaneuf hit on Devils captain Zach Parise, and the two fought at the 16:36 mark of the first period.

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Sports in brief

Yu Darvish arrived at the Texas Rangers' spring training complex Tuesday and had his first bullpen session with his new team.

Darvish got to camp in Surprise, Ariz., a day before the reporting date for Texas pitchers and catchers.

Rangers manager Ron Washington said Darvish threw about 35 pitches.

"He kept the ball down and hit his spots," Washington said. "He can sink it, he can run it."

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Trade rumours take toll on Blue Jackets

Possibility of losing Nash 'weighs' on players

On the surface, it's like any other pre-game skate for Rick Nash and the Columbus Blue Jackets.

When Nash barrels in on the net and scores during a drill, his teammates give him a cheer. The mood appears upbeat.

But as the NHL trade deadline approaches, rumours that Nash could be skating with a new team continue to swirl.

The Blue Jackets captain has been the face of the franchise for nearly a decade and he's made an impression on Ohio's capital city. The thought of him leaving before Monday's deadline is unsettling to everyone involved.

"You try to be professional and handle it the best you can, but we're also human," centre Derek MacKenzie said Tuesday ahead of a game against San Jose. "You play with these guys for months, sometimes years at a time. It's really scary, especially when you start hearing names like Rick Nash. To possibly lose a guy like him, I think it weighs on us."

While the last-place Blue Jackets have played better hockey of late, a horrible start to the season took them out of playoff contention early. As the season dragged on, changes were expected.

While Nash is the highest-profile Blue Jacket to be mentioned in rumours, Derick Brassard and Jeff Carter have also been included in trade talk.

Nash has remained quiet and didn't speak to the media Tuesday.

"I'm not going to lie, it's tough hearing these rumours," said left-winger R.J. Umberger. "Obviously, we're not in the spot we want to be, for another year. We're all upset about it here and we know a lot of changes are going to happen."

The frustration has become evident in the stands at Nationwide Arena, down to the Columbus front office and inside the dressing room.

"You look at the guys next to you and you wonder if in a few days from now, you're going to be playing against him," said MacKenzie.

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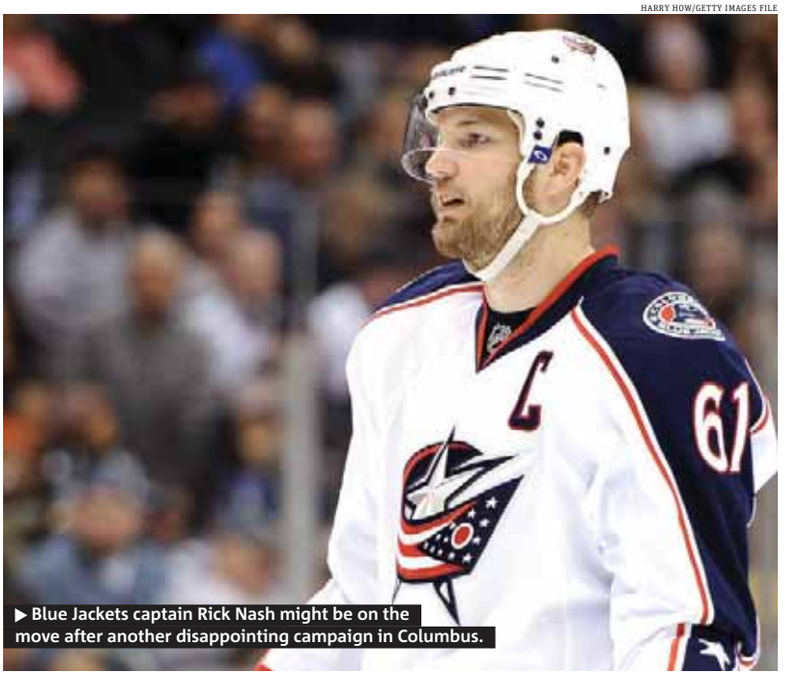

▶ Blue Jackets captain Rick Nash might be on the move after another disappointing campaign in Columbus.

Wild cards

These four player aren't that likely to be traded, but if they do move, it could shake up the market.

James van Riemsdyk, Philadelphia
The big forward has a lot of suitors and should net a decent return if GM Paul Holmgren elects to make a move.

Cory Schneider, Vancouver
It's hard to imagine the Canucks parting with an excellent insurance policy in goal, but it remains an outside possibility with GMs talking trade.

Zach Parise, New Jersey
The Devils risk losing their captain for nothing, but with the team climbing the standings, it's extremely unlikely he'll be moved.

Jack Johnson, Los Angeles
With the Kings looking to make deals, Johnson's name has emerged as a potential trade piece.

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St. Louis	59	36	16	1	6	150	117	79	26-3-1-3	10-13-0-3	7-3-0-0	L1
Nashville	59	34	19	3	3	165	154	74	18-7-2-2	16-12-1-1	5-3-0-2	W1
Chicago	61	33	21	4	3	191	179	73	21-6-1-3	12-15-3-0	3-6-1-0	W4
Phoenix	59	29	21	3	6	152	147	67	15-10-2-2	14-11-1-4	8-1-0-1	W2
Calgary	59	28	22	5	4	142	155	65	16-8-1-1	12-14-4-3	5-2-2-1	W1
Los Angeles	59	27	21	5	6	124	126	65	15-13-0-4	12-8-5-2	4-5-1-0	L2
Dallas	60	30	26	1	3	155	167	64	16-12-0-2	14-14-1-1	4-4-1-1	W1
Colorado	60	29	27	3	1	151	168	62	16-13-0-1	13-14-3-0	3-5-1-1	L1
Minnesota	59	26	24	2	7	131	154	61	14-10-1-3	12-14-1-4	2-6-0-2	W1
Anaheim	60	25	25	4	6	154	171	60	15-13-2-0	10-12-2-6	6-1-1-2	L1
Edmonton	58	22	30	2	4	153	177	50	15-10-2-2	7-20-0-2	4-4-1-1	L3
Columbus	60	18	35	2	5	142	198	43	11-16-1-2	7-19-1-3	5-4-1-0	W1

d — division leaders ranked 1-2-3 regardless of points; a team winning in overtime or shootout is credited with two points and a victory in the W column; the team losing in overtime or shootout receives one point which is registered in the OTL (overtime loss) or SL (shootout loss) column.

Last night's results
New Jersey 4 Toronto 3 (OT)
Philadelphia 5 Winnipeg 4 (OT)
Dallas 3 Montreal 0
Chicago 2 Detroit 1
Columbus 6 San Jose 3
Tampa Bay 3 Anaheim 2
Pittsburgh 2 N.Y. Rangers 0
Buffalo 2 N.Y. Islanders 1
Vancouver at Nashville
Edmonton at Calgary
Los Angeles at Phoenix
Monday's results
Ottawa 6 N.Y. Islanders 0
Carolina 5 Washington 0
Tonight's games
All times Eastern
Washington at Ottawa, 7 p.m.
Boston at St. Louis, 8 p.m.
Los Angeles at Colorado, 9 p.m.
Tomorrow's games
San Jose at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Anaheim at Carolina, 7 p.m.
Minnesota at Florida, 7:30 p.m.
Vancouver at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
St. Louis at Nashville, 8 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Winnipeg, 8:30 p.m.
Dallas at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Calgary, 9 p.m.
Philadelphia at Edmonton, 9:30 p.m.
Friday's games
Vancouver at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at N.Y. Islanders, 7 p.m.
Montreal at Washington, 7 p.m.
Colorado at Columbus, 7 p.m.
Boston at Buffalo, 7:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.

FLYERS 5, JETS 4 (OT)

First Period
1. Winnipeg, Byfuglien 9 (Stapleton, Little) 12:31 (pp)
2. Philadelphia, Giroux 23 (Hartnell, Carle) 15:50
Penalties — Burmistrov Wpg (high-sticking) 8:59, Talbot Pha (cross-checking) 12:04.
Second Period
3. Philadelphia, Hartnell 28 (Simmonds, Timonen) 1:08 (pp)
4. Winnipeg, Ladd 18 (Wheeler, Stapleton) 7:52 (pp)
5. Winnipeg, Ladd 19 (Little, Byfuglien) 8:56
6. Philadelphia, Talbot 17 (Meszaros, Grossman) 11:14
Penalties — Enstrom Wpg (interference) 0:57, Coburn Pha (hooking) 6:34.
Third Period
7. Winnipeg, Kane 23 (Stapleton) 4:57 (pp)
8. Philadelphia, Simmonds 22 (van Riemsdyk, Giroux) 19:50
Penalties — Briere Pha (tripping) 3:59, Read Pha (roughing), Slater Wpg (double roughing) 11:39.
Overtime
9. Philadelphia, Jagr 16 (Briere) 4:16
Penalties — None.
Shots on goal

Philadelphia	15	16	18	6	—55
Winnipeg	10	10	5	1	—26

Goal — Philadelphia: Bryzgalov (W,21-11-6); Winnipeg: Pavelec (L,22-21-6).
Power plays (goals-chances) — Philadelphia: 1-3; Winnipeg: 3-3.
Referees — Brad Meier, Kelly Sutherland.
Linesmen — Scott Cherrey, Shane Heyer.
Attendance — 15,004 (15,004) at Winnipeg.

DEVILS 4, MAPLE LEAFS 3 (OT)

First Period
1. New Jersey, Sykora 14 (Henrique, Taormina) 9:44
2. New Jersey, Clarkson 23 (Elias, Sykora) 14:16
3. Toronto, Connolly 9 (Franson, Crabb) 14:32
Penalties — Phaneuf Tor (tripping) 7:35, Clarkson NJ (roughing, fighting), Phaneuf Tor (fighting) 16:36, Kessel Tor (tripping) 17:34.
Second Period
4. Toronto, MacArthur 18 (Kulemin, Grabovski) 14:43
5. New Jersey, Ponikarovsky 11 (Zubrus, Volchenkov) 18:11
Penalties — Boulton NJ (boarding) 2:59, Lombardi Tor (hooking) 7:04.
Third Period
6. Toronto, Kessel 31 (Bozak, Lupul) 19:16
Penalties — None.
Overtime
7. New Jersey, Fayne4 (Henrique, Kovalchuck) 1:18
Penalties — None.
Shots on goal

New Jersey	13	8	9	2	—32
Toronto	9	13	10	0	—32

Goal — New Jersey: Brodeur (W,22-13-2); Toronto: Gustavsson (L,16-13-2). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — NJ: 0-3; Toronto:-2.
Attendance — 19,426 (18,819) at Toronto.

STARS 3, CANADIENS 0

At Montreal
First Period
1. Dallas, Garbutt1 (Dowell, Peterson) 14:12
Penalties — None.
Second Period — No Scoring.
Penalties — Fiddler Dal (interference) 1:29, Larsen Dal (holding) 7:57, Pardy Dal (boarding) 15:47, Ryder Dal (holding) 18:49.
Third Period
2. Dallas, Ribeiro 13 (Daley, Fistric) 4:32
3. Dallas, Wandell 4 (Vincour) 5:09
Penalty — Campoli Mtl (slashing) 11:02.
Shots on goal

Dallas	16	14	9	—36
Montreal	6	11	11	—28

Goal — Dallas: Lehtonen (W,22-15-3); Montreal: Price (L,22-22-9). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Dallas: 0-1; Montreal: 0-4.
Attendance — 21,273 (21,273) at Montreal.

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EAST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	Pct.	GF	GA	GB
Philadelphia	6	4	2	.667	69	77	—
Toronto	6	3	3	.500	69	70	1
Rochester	7	3	4	.429	90	86	1½
Buffalo	6	2	4	.333	70	76	2

WEST DIVISION

Colorado	6	6	0	1.000	83	73	—
Calgary	6	4	2	.667	74	65	2
Minnesota	6	3	3	.500	73	74	3
Edmonton	5	1	4	.200	52	51	4½
Washington	6	1	5	.167	58	76	5

WEEK EIGHT
Friday's games
Rochester at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Philadelphia at Edmonton, 9 p.m.
Calgary at Colorado, 9 p.m.
Minnesota at Washington, 11 p.m.
Saturday's game
At Buffalo, N.Y.
NLL All-star game, 7 p.m., EST

TENNIS

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RMK CHAMPIONSHIPS & CELLULAR SOUTH CUP

At Memphis, Tenn.
Men's Singles — First Round
Sergiy Stakhovsky, Ukraine, def. Robert Kendrick, U.S., 6-3, 7-6 (6).
Ryan Sweeting, U.S., def. James Blake, U.S., 6-0, 6-2.
Sam Querrey, U.S., def. Alejandro Falla, Colombia, 2-6, 6-3, 6-4.
Women's Singles — First Round
Ksenia Pervak (2), Kazakhstan, def. **Rebecca Marino, Toronto,** 6-2, 6-4.
Pauline Parmentier (5), France, def. Andrea Hlavackova, Czech Republic, 6-4, 4-6, 6-2.
Stephanie Foretz Gacon, France, def. Melanie Oudin, U.S., 6-2, 6-3.
Women's Singles — Second Round
Marina Erakovic (4), New Zealand, def. Evgeniya Rodina, Russia, 6-3, 6-4.
Varvara Lepchenko, U.S., def. Johanna Larsson (7), Sweden, 6-2, 6-4.
Vera Dushevina, Russia, def. Jamie Hampton, U.S., 6-4, 6-3.

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At Marseille, France
Singles — First Round
Richard Gasquet (5), France, def. Go Soeda, Japan, 6-0, 6-2.
David Goffin, Belgium, def. Adrian Mannarino, France, 6-2, 1-0 (retired).
Albano Olivetti, France, def. Matthias Bachinger, Germany, 6-4, 6-3.
Igor Kunitsyn, Russia, def. Roberto Bautista-Agut, Spain, 6-4, 6-4.
Nicolas Mahut, France, def. Arnaud Clement, France, 6-3, 6-4.
Nikolay Davydenko, Russia, def. Andreas Beck, Germany, 6-1, 7-5.
Karol Beck, Slovakia, def. Paul-Henri Mathieu, France, 7-6 (2), 2-6, 6-3.
Doubles — First Round
Mahesh Bhupathi and Rohan Bopanna (1), India, def. James Cerretani, U.S., and **Adil Shamasdin, Pickering, Ont.,** 6-3, 5-7, 10-3 (tiebreak).

WTA

DUBAI CHAMPIONSHIPS

At Dubai, United Arab Emirates
Singles — First Round
Agnieszka Radwanska (5), Poland, def. **Aleksandra Wozniak, Blainville, Que.,** 6-1, 6-7 (6), 7-5.
Peng Shuai, China, def. Marion Bartoli (6), France, 6-4, 6-3.
Ana Ivanovic, Serbia, def. Francesca Schiavone (7), Italy, 6-1, 7-5.
Iveta Benesova, Czech Republic, def. Dominika Cibulkova, Slovakia, 3-1 (retired).
Lucie Safarova, Czech Republic, def. Petra Martic, Croatia, 6-3, 5-7, 6-3.
Daniela Hantuchova, Slovakia, def. Polona Hercog, Slovenia, 1-6, 7-5, 7-6 (4).
Simona Halep, Romania, def. Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova, Russia, 6-4, 6-2.

CURLING

CANADIAN WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP

SCOTTIES TOURNAMENT OF HEARTS

At Red Deer, Alta.

Province (skip)	W	L
Canada (Holland)	5	1
Manitoba (J.Jones)	5	2
B.C. (K.Scott)	4	2
Saskatchewan (Englot)	4	3
New Brunswick (Atkinson)	4	3
Alberta (Nedohin)	3	3
Quebec (Larouche)	3	3
N.L. (H.Strong)	2	4
Ontario (Horgan)	2	4
P.E.I. (Dolan)	2	4
NWT/Yukon (Galusha)	2	4
Nova Scotia (Smith-Dacey)	2	5

Yesterday's results
Ninth Draw
Manitoba 8 Nova Scotia 3
Newfoundland & Labrador 8 P.E.I. 4
Quebec 7 Northwest/Yukon Territories 5
Saskatchewan 11 New Brunswick 6
Draw 10
Alberta 7 British Columbia 4
Canada 9 Ontario 4
Manitoba 8 Saskatchewan 7 (extra end)
New Brunswick 8 Nova Scotia 4
Draw 11
Quebec vs. Canada
Northwest/Yukon Territories vs. Ontario
P.E.I. vs. Alberta
British Columbia vs. Newfoundland & Lab.
Monday's results
Sixth Draw
Alberta 8 Ontario 4
British Columbia 7 Canada 5
Seventh Draw
New Brunswick 8 Northwest/Yukon Terr. 6
Nova Scotia 10 Quebec 4
Manitoba 8 Newfoundland & Labrador 5
P.E.I. 8 Saskatchewan 7
Eighth Draw
Canada 7 Manitoba 3
New Brunswick 8 Alberta 5
Nova Scotia 8 British Columbia 7
Saskatchewan 10 Ontario 3
Today's games
All times Eastern
Draw 12, 10:30 a.m.
New Brunswick vs. Ontario; Canada vs. Nova Scotia; Manitoba vs. British Columbia; Saskatchewan vs. Alberta.
Draw 13, 3:30 p.m.
British Columbia vs. Northwest/Yukon Territories; Quebec vs. Alberta; Ontario vs. Newfoundland & Labrador; Canada vs. P.E.I.
Draw 14, 9:30 p.m.
P.E.I. vs. Nova Scotia; Newfoundland & Lab. vs. New Brunswick; Quebec vs. Saskatchewan; Manitoba vs. Northwest/Yukon Territories.
Tomorrow's games
Draw 15, 10:30 a.m.
Alberta vs. Newfoundland & Labrador; British Columbia vs. P.E.I.; Canada vs. Northwest/Yukon Territories; Quebec vs. Ontario.
Draw 16, 3:30 p.m.
Manitoba vs. Quebec; Saskatchewan vs. Northwest/Yukon Terr.; New Brunswick vs. P.E.I.; Newfoundland & Labrador vs. Nova Scotia.
Draw 17, 9:30 p.m.
Canada vs. Saskatchewan; Ontario vs. Manitoba; Alberta vs. Nova Scotia; New Brunswick vs. British Columbia.

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
d-Miami	26	7	.788	—
d-Chicago	26	8	.765	½
Orlando	21	12	.636	5
d-Philadelphia	20	13	.606	6
Indiana	20	12	.625	5½
Atlanta	19	13	.594	6½
New York	16	17	.485	10
Boston	15	16	.484	10
Cleveland	13	17	.433	11½
Milwaukee	13	19	.406	12½
Detroit	11	23	.324	15½
New Jersey	10	24	.294	16½
Toronto	9	23	.281	16½
Washington	7	25	.219	18½
Charlotte	4	27	.129	21

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
d-Oklahoma City	25	7	.781	—
d-San Antonio	23	9	.719	2
Dallas	21	12	.636	4½
d-L.A. Clippers	19	11	.633	5
L.A. Lakers	19	13	.594	6
Houston	19	14	.576	6½
Memphis	19	15	.559	7
Denver	18	15	.545	7½
Portland	17	16	.515	8½
Minnesota	16	17	.485	9½
Utah	15	16	.484	9½
Phoenix	14	19	.424	11½
Golden State	12	17	.414	11½
Sacramento	10	22	.313	15
New Orleans	7	25	.219	18

d — division leaders ranked in top four positions regardless of record.

Last night's results
Memphis 89 Philadelphia 76
Indiana 117 New Orleans 108 (OT)
Miami 120 Sacramento 108
Cleveland 101 Detroit 100
San Antonio at Portland
Monday's results
Chicago 90 Atlanta 79
New Jersey 100 New York 92
Dallas 89 Boston 73
Houston 97 Memphis 93
Oklahoma City 101 New Orleans 93
Orlando 93 Milwaukee 90
Denver 103 Minnesota 101 (OT)
Phoenix 104 Washington 88
San Antonio 106 Utah 102
Golden State 104 L.A. Clippers 97
L.A. Lakers 103 Portland 92
Tonight's games
All times Eastern
Boston at Oklahoma City, 7 p.m.
Indiana at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
New Orleans at Cleveland, 7 p.m.
Detroit at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Sacramento at Washington, 7 p.m.
Orlando at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
Atlanta at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Milwaukee at Chicago, 8 p.m.
Philadelphia at Houston, 8 p.m.
Utah at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Golden State at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Dallas, 9:30 p.m.
Denver at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.
Tomorrow's games
New York at Miami, 7 p.m.
Orlando at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
San Antonio at Denver, 9 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Oklahoma City, 9:30 p.m.

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Engine

The heart of the transformation to R-Spec from an ordinary Genesis sedan sits between the front fenders. The displacement of the automaker's Tau-branded V8 has been increased to 5.0-litres from 4.6 and the horsepower/torque rating to 429 and 376 pound-feet from 385/333. For comparison, that's 17 horses more than the much-celebrated-by-Ford-fans 5.0 in the Mustang GT.

The new Hyundai R-Spec, is now the only Genesis V8 model available in Canada and employs the same powerplant as the larger and more luxurious Equus.

Bells and whistles

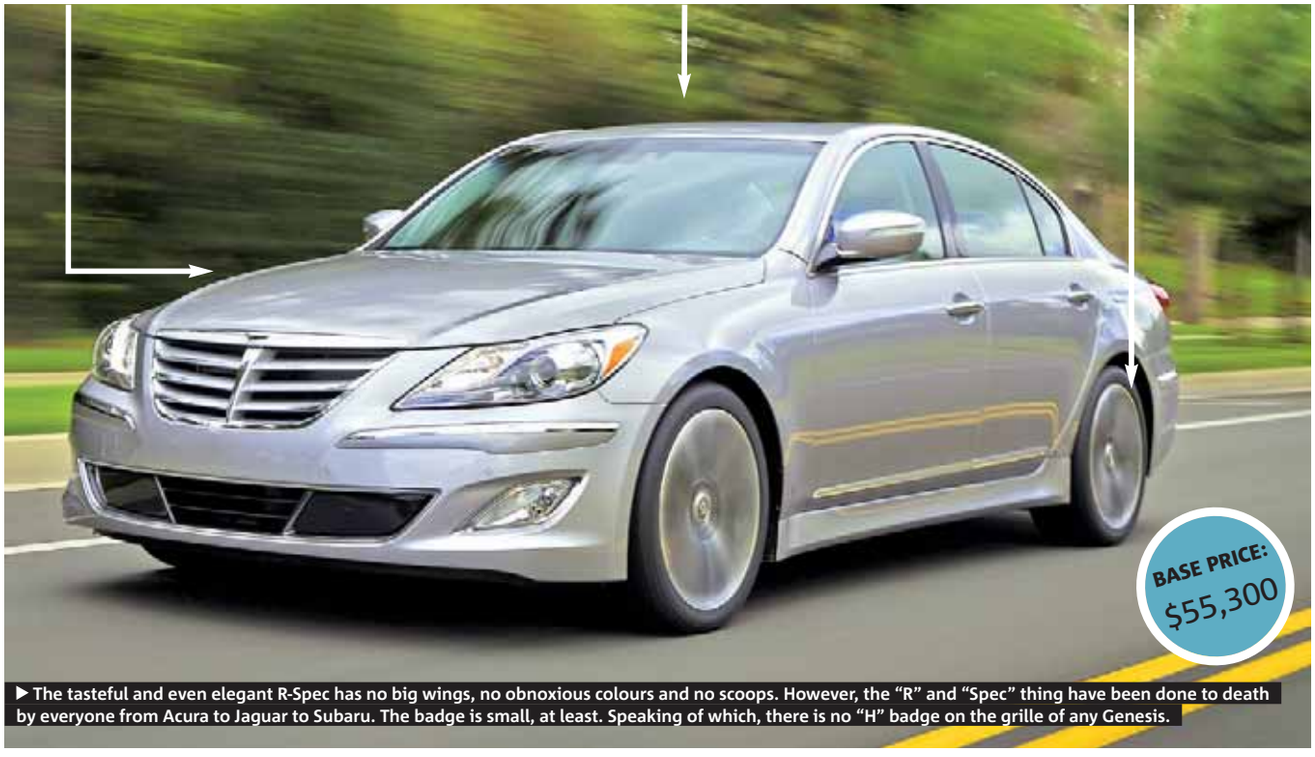
The R-spec theme continues inside with "tuxedo black" leather combined with bright trim surrounding the control panel and shifter.

And of course Hyundai's bells-and-whistles department has included most of the desirable items. That means you can count on a standard power sunroof, memory settings for the power front seats, heated front and rear seats plus steering wheel, woodgrain trim, front and rear park assist, backup camera and a 17-speaker premium sound package.

Performance

Despite the power bulge, the R-Spec still returns reasonable fuel economy of 13.1 l/100 km city and 8.1 highway.

On the performance front, Hyundai expects the R-Spec to run zero-to-60-m.p.h. (96 km/h) in the low-five-second range, which is pretty decent for a hefty 1,880-kilogram sedan.



▶ The tasteful and even elegant R-Spec has no big wings, no obnoxious colours and no scoops. However, the "R" and "Spec" thing have been done to death by everyone from Acura to Jaguar to Subaru. The badge is small, at least. Speaking of which, there is no "H" badge on the grille of any Genesis.

What does R-Spec spell?

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In Aretha Franklin's monster hit, she cried out for a little "R-E-S-P-E-C-T." The one thing you could say about that song and Hyundai's similarly named Genesis "R-Spec" sedan is that they both have plenty of soul.

Hyundai has confounded more than a few critics with the success of its full-size rear-wheel-drive four-door that was launched for the 2009 model year.

How could the company that brought us the lowly Excel and subsequent econo-runners dare to think that it could run with the big dogs from Detroit, Germany and Japan?

The Genesis was a gutsy call for the Korea-based automaker, especially when fuel prices were surging and the economy was losing steam. But the car's luxury leanings and comparatively modest price tag (likely aided by a reassuringly lengthy warranty) have allowed the Genesis to carve out a niche. It also spawned the larger and even more luxurious Equus.

For 2012, Hyundai is branching out the Genesis, taking it on a path that involves the development of a performance brand dubbed the R-Spec. Forget the rather unoriginal "R" and "Spec" to denote performance, and consider that this car actually has real performance.

▶ For a sport package, the most obvious omission is the lack of metal foot pedals. The rest looks like it could come from Infiniti or Acura, which are likely competitors to the R-Spec.

▶ Artful exhaust finishers, tail chrome and LED lighting are contrasted by busy 19-inch wheels shod with Bridgestone summer tires.

Genesis R-Spec

What you should know about the 2012 Hyundai Genesis R-Spec:

- **Types:** Four-door, rear-wheel-drive full-size sedan.
- **Engine (hp):** 5.0-litre DOHC V8 (429).
- **Transmission:** Eight-speed automatic.
- **Market position:** The R-Spec label denotes significantly improved performance in much the same way that BMW's "M" cars and Mercedes-Benz's AMG denotes added sporting flavour. None compete at the R-Spec's price, though.
- **Mileage:** L/100 km (city/hwy) 13.1/8.1.

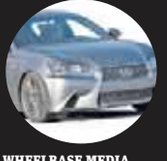
5 drive

By comparison

Chrysler 300c
Base price: $41,700
Limo-like V8 has 363 hp. 470-hp SRT8 right in R-Spec's price bracket.

Lincoln MKS EcoBoost
Base price: $55,400
Sedate sedan cruises with 355-hp turbocharged V6 and standard AWD.

Lexus GS 350
Base price: $53,850
New rear-driver missing 120 horsepower, but AWD, hybrid available.



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▶ The Calloway Corvette is on display at the Auto Exotica exhibit.

AUTO EXOTICA

The machine with the highest fascination factor at the show is surely the Aston Martin One-77. With an MSRP of $1.7 million and one of only 77 examples ever to be built, this super-sports car is so exclusive that your chances of seeing one on the road is somewhere between zero and nil.

But it's not even the most expensive production car at the show. That honour goes to the $2 million Bugatti Veyron, the world's most powerful and fastest street legal production car. The Aston Martin and Bugatti were part of the show's Auto Exotica exhibit, which allows show goers to bask in the glow of the various supernovas of the automotive world. Pagani's carbon-fibre wonder, the Zonda R is a thing to behold in person, as is the Ferrari FF and the Calloway Corvette. But my favourite piece in Auto Exotica is the barn-found 50-something Mercedes-Benz 300SL "Gullwing" Coupe owned by muscle-car impresario Peter Klutt, of Legendary Motorcar (the restoration and sales shop) and Dream Car Garage (the TV show). It's barn-found aura is totally intact. Klutt stood by his prize during press day, and when I asked if this Merc would be restored some day, he simply said, "not on my watch." A good man that Peter Klutt.

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AWARD WINNERS

Press day is when AJAC announced its major awards for 2012.

Hyundai Elantra was named 2012 Canadian Car of the Year, while Volkswagen Touareg TDI Clean Diesel was declared 2012 Utility Vehicle of the Year. Already in Elantra's trophy case is hardware from the show in Detroit, when it was named 2012 North American Car of the Year. Hyundai's Veloster was also declared as Best New Design, which seemed to surprise a few, me included, as contenders Jaguar XKR-S and Range Rover Evoque both flaunt new designs with great emotional appeal. AJAC's Best New Technology award went, and very deservedly so, to GM's "Voltec" propulsion system in the Chevrolet Volt.

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▶ Steve Kelleher, president of Hyundai Canada, holds up the Canadian Car of the Year trophy for the Hyundai Elantra last week.

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▶ This Benz will stay dirty.

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The 2012 edition of the Toronto auto show is brimming with fascinating machines

Here's a look at some of the concepts, production cars and green vehicles on display

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▶ Is the Mazda SHINARI concept the best looking car at the show? Mazda Canada's president thinks so.

CONCEPTS

On the concept front, Toronto has a little of everything. Two that go against their respective brand images are Cadillac's Urban Luxury Concept and Kia's GT Concept. The Cadi is a little city car that seats four, and uses "scissor-type" doors for easier access, while the GT is Kia's first rear-drive concept, and tries to channel the vibe of large, American 1970s-era sport coupes.

The Lincoln MKZ Concept was introduced to Toronto by Max Wolff, the brand's design director. With the introduction of the new-gen Fusion, the Fusion-based MKZ is ready for its new-gen look as well, and this concept gives us a pretty clear picture of its future design. Wolff noted that Lincoln's rebirth is about more than just new vehicles. A new, dedicated Lincoln team has been installed, and there is big push to significantly upgrade the Lincoln dealership and ownership experience.

Mazda Canada president, Don Romano, might be biased, but he called the Mazda SHINARI concept the best-looking vehicle at the show. The 4-door, 4-seat sport coupe rendered in "KODO" design language ("Soul of Motion"), previews the look of the next-generation Mazda6.

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▶ Lincoln MKZ Concept

ECO-DRIVE

The Eco-Drive Showcase brought together an impressive list of green vehicles and their green-enabling technologies, but there is one concept on the main show floor that demands some green attention time — the Hyundai Blue2, which packs the automaker's proprietary hydrogen-based HyPower fuel cell electric drivetrain, producing 90 kilowatts of power.

Also shown at Toronto, but only briefly on press day, was the all-electric Toyota Rav4, which is being built at the automaker's production facilities in Woodstock, Ont.

But auto shows are also great places to celebrate the past.

The major "classic" display this year is one celebrating the Triumph Motor Car Company. Every significant "TR" model, from TR2 to TR8, is present and accounted for, as well as many special edition, historic, and racing models. One of more interesting and handsome pieces in the display is the Michelotti Italia.

The Italian-based coachbuilder created the car by designing and producing a smart, fixed-head coupe body to fit over TR3 running gear. Only 300 were built between 1959 and 1963.

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▶ Hyundai Blue2

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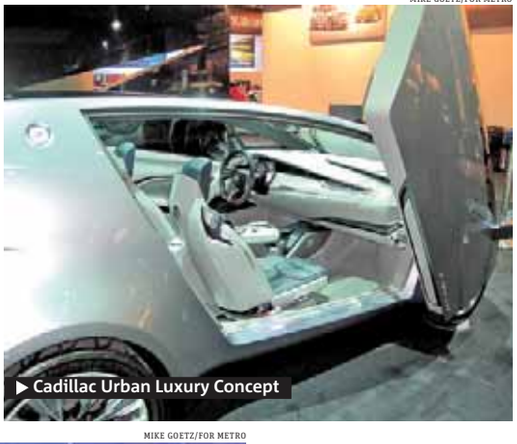

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PRODUCTION CARS

Quite a few production cars made their Canadian debuts at the show, too many to detail here, but here are a few that had something to say...

Cadillac's new flagship, the full-size XTS was sitting pretty under the lights, and felt right at home in Toronto — no wonder, it's built just down the road in Oshawa.

Honda/Acura rolled out production versions of Acura ILX, the brand's new entry-level vehicle, and Accord Coupe, which moves the nameplate into its ninth generation format. ILX will be for sale this spring, while the new Accord Coupe should be ready to go by fall. Honda's new RDX, was also on display, flaunting its new, milder persona.

The 2013 Audi A4 Allroad will replace the A4 Avant (Audi-speak for station wagon). Seems like "regular" wagons just don't cut it any more — consumers demand that they be higher, more rugged, and therefore more SUV/Crossover like.

Blame/thank Subaru Outback for this movement.

Speaking of Subaru, the Japanese manufacturer is displaying something called the "XV," which is actually a small Impreza-based crossover/wagon currently sold in other markets — a smaller Outback if you will. Subaru hopes to gather feedback on the XV, to decide if it should be introduced to Canada. This segment is one of the hottest in the industry, so the decision would appear to be a no brainer, especially as the XV looks quite all right — even in Tangerine Orange.

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▶ Subaru VX

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Rocky roads

- There's plenty of it for the Jeep Grand Cherokee to tackle in the Canadian Rockies
- The vehicle might be up to it, but let's find out if the driver is

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▶ The most effort in the winter is spent on keeping the Trans-Canada Highway open to east-west traffic. Mother Nature has other ideas about that, though.

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WARNING: Road tripping through the Canadian Rockies in winter behind the wheel of anything less competent than a Jeep Grand Cherokee could be hazardous to your health. And given the freakish nature of mountain weather, it could also get you into some big trouble.

For the uninitiated, a winter excursion through this region can turn from a leisurely scenic cruise to blizzarding nightmare in mere minutes. Snow accumulates faster than the national debt and visibility becomes a myopic tunnel that messes with your depth perception as the highway blurs before your eyes. No less than your undivided concentration and complete confidence in your vehicle is required.

Police check-points strategically located along the Trans-Canada Highway, the main artery between the west coast of British Columbia and the Alberta foothills, ensure that, without the proper vehicle and/or ice and snow treads underfoot, you'll likely be turned back from whence you came. In these situations, piloting a Grand Cherokee is like carrying an immunity card that gets you waved through from a member of the RCMP.

To examine the full measure of the GC requires driving it in the kind of difficult terrain for which it was intended and that includes snow and lots of it. For that you head to the hills.

But Mother Nature isn't always willing to cooperate, as evidenced by a recent east-to-west pass along the Trans-Canada. She was playing a practical joke by withholding the white, fluffy stuff, leaving all but the highest mountain sections in a bare and bone-dry state. However, the benign conditions provided plenty of opportunity to examine the GC's gentile side. The base-model Laredo loaner came with dual-zone climate control, heated outside mirrors and a nothing-fancy six-speaker audio system. There were a few select extras on board including a navigation system, power driver's seat and a satellite radio that worked flawlessly except when travelling beneath the half-dozen or so protective concrete avalanche "sheds" located along the route.

▶ Lake Louise, Alta., is one of the most picturesque spots in Canada and one of the most photographed spots on Earth.

Also along for the ride was the Loredo's standard 290-horsepower 3.6-litre V6 that operates with a five-speed automatic transmission plus Jeep's single-range four-wheel-drive system. This version (a dual-range unit comes on up-level GC's) is priced at close to $40,000, including destination charges.

Unless some heavy-duty trailer towing or extra quick sprints to 100 km/h (and beyond) are necessary, the V6 works just fine. At 13.0 l/100 km in the city and 8.8 on the highway, it achieves better fuel economy than the previous 210-horsepower V6, and it's way smoother and quieter while also a livelier performer. The V6 is obviously no match for the available 360-horsepower "Hemi" V8 or the outlandish 470-horsepower SRT8 in straight-line sprints, but out in the real world the extra dollars needed to acquire either model might not be worth it.

Ma Nature served up her favourite raw fury dish on the return west-to-east leg, especially while approaching the highway's snow-bound Rogers Pass summit. Around here, the only vehicles still moving were convoys of chained-up transport trucks and one lone ice- and grit-encrusted Grand Cherokee. Over the long, upward climb in blanket-thick snow, the GC seemed in its element, scooting past the big rigs without breaking a sweat or transmitting so much as a hint of traction loss, turning what could have been a white-knuckle, high-drama drive into an enjoyable day on the road.

Engine

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▶ The Megawheelz booth is located on the 600 level of the Metro Toronto Convention Centre, South Building.

During his 20 years in the aftermarket wheels industry, Param Johl has seen it all. From the old days of stock 12-inch wheels to placing 24-inchers on 1950 and '60s classic cars, there is little that he hasn't encountered.

Johl is the owner of Megawheelz in Mississauga and this marks the eighth consecutive year his store has set up a booth at the Toronto auto show that displays a large portion of its for-sale rim collection.

Metro spoke to Johl recently about the steps that he takes with his customers when they're shopping for rims.

1 "First and foremost we have to see the make and model of the car. We will then decide what the consumer has to work with."

2 "From there, one of the things that you have to decide is whether you want to go up one inch in size from the original tire, or maybe two inches. We call that plus-one and plus-two. Plus-one is for normal, everyday driving. In certain cars, you can do plus-two because the manufacturer has already put on a very a high-profile tire. A plus-two may even stabilize the car much better."

3 "The third thing to consider is what kind of driving does the consumer do? Where is the vehicle being driven? You don't do a plus-one, or plus-two for winter driving."

4 "Next, what are the looks the consumer wants? Is it a chrome look or a matte silver finish, or a black, which is now very common. Also, we have to educate them. For example, sometimes a black wheel on a black tire is not going to look great on a sub-compact car. That concept works better with bigger cars that feature bigger brake callipers, so when it is all black, you can see the brake callipers."

5 "Lastly, the budget is very important. Some people have intentions of doing such a big project on their car but then they come in with such a small budget. So we have to work with them on that."

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Toyota 4Runner built 4 family confidence

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The last generation Toyota 4Runner was a sport utility vehicle (SUV) built with an appetite for towing, real off-road capability and plenty of all-season confidence.

Family ready and confident on any road or trail, 4Runner offered plenty of options, a high-class cabin and an entire aftermarket's worth of parts for customization.

Engine

Engine choices started with a four-litre, 245 horsepower V6 or a 4.7-litre V8. The V6 engine was eventually de-rated to 236 horsepower, while the V8 was bumped to 260.

What owners like

Owner praise for the last-generation 4Runner mainly comes from cargo carrying capacity, driving confidence and rugged styling. Many owners report a comfortable and quiet ride, too.

What owners dislike

Gripes are limited almost entirely to the fuel mileage complaints typical from most SUV owners. If you don't need an off-road capable 4x4, consider a minivan or smaller crossover.

Common issues

If you're buying an earlier model 4Runner in this generation, ensure the frame is relatively free of rust. Toyota had some very well-documented structural frame rust issues for several years, though these seem to have been corrected by time the last-generation 4Runner came around.

Signs of heavy off-road use may include excessive mud or sand packed into the vehicle's lower radiator area or underside. Get underneath and check for heavy denting or scrapes in the floor and frame rails. These could be a sign of abuse.

Verdict

If the used 4Runner model you're considering checks out, you're likely looking at a reliable, capable sidekick that'll serve your family for years to come.

Newly licensed drivers still have plenty to learn

Study shows why you should continue to teach your teens

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Young drivers who finish driving school and pass their tests might think their lessons are finished. In reality, they are only just starting the learning process.

According to a new study by the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety in the U.S., teenagers are 50 per cent more likely to crash in their first month of driving than after they've been behind the wheel for a year.

"You do better at any job once you've learned the skills," says Carol Ronis, senior manager of communications for the Foundation.

From a young age

- Children learn by mimicking. Even if your child is too young to drive, he or she is still learning driving habits by watching you. If you run red lights, speed or text, your children may carry those lessons over when it's time for them to get behind the wheel.

"Practice is important, and parents can engage in helping their teens continue to learn how to drive and shape them for a lifetime of safe driving."

More than half of these early crashes boil down to three common errors: failure to reduce speed, inattention, and failure to yield, especially on left-hand turns.

"Certain types of crashes initially occur at high rates and decline very quickly, such as the left-hand turn," Ronis says.

"You have to look right and left, you have to look across, you're entering into traffic, and you have to gauge a bunch of different factors. It's just a matter of learning and gaining the experience."

Taking young drivers on unfamiliar routes or at different times of the day is important, Ronis says.

"We see the novice driver under the supervised stage who is usually running errands or driving on the same road," she says.

"Once they have their independent license, they'll go ahead and take the highway, but mom and dad never practiced on the highway, or had them driving at night. You have to take them beyond their comfort zone."

A related study used in-vehicle cameras, which found that teenagers' behaviour changed when there were no adults in the car.

Although most driving was uneventful, the camera did capture a number of close calls due to mistakes caused by inexperience, along with running red lights, horseplay with passengers and texting behind the wheel.

"Continue to stay involved and continue to have a dialogue with your child about safe driving habits," Ronis says, who suggests that parents occasionally ride along even after a young driver has achieved an independent license. "Talk about what he's doing wrong, whether it's a fundamental skill, or running a red light or not stopping at a stop sign. You're creating the tools so they can master the art of driving."

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PASSAT: MID-SIZED SEDAN – $23,500, BASE PRICE, INCLUDING DESTINATION

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Volkswagen has aspirations of big sales gains in North America and to do that means more product, better product and, especially in the case of the new Passat, product that is perceived as good value.

Following a one-year absence, this mid-size four-door returns for 2012 with a base sticker price of about $23,975 on its window, which is about $9,400 less than the 2010 version. The new Passat is nine centimetres longer overall and the distance between the front and rear wheels has been stretched by about the same amount. The new size is in line with models belonging to the rest of the mid-size segment.

The Passat's interior styling, inspired by Volkswagen's new-look Touareg sport ute, is clean, uncluttered and devoid of the trendy dashboard swoops and swirls.

For the 2012 model year, VW has dropped the previously standard 200-horsepower, 2.0-litre four-cylinder turbocharged powerplant for a less-expensive non-turbo 170-horsepower, 2.5-litre five-cylinder. A 280-horsepower, 3.6-litre V6 is optional, as is Volkswagen's hybrid-challenging 140-horsepower, 2.0-litre turbo-diesel that will give the Passat a claimed rating of 6.8 l/100 km on the highway (4.4 in the city).

Passat's starting-point Trendline model is equipped with automatic climate control, cruise control, outside temperature display and Bluetooth short-range wireless connectivity.

Also back after a year off is the Beetle, but this time with sharper styling, a roomier and up-to-date interior and more power.

Oh, and the name has been shortened to just plain Beetle, if you please. The Beetle is wider by more than three inches and has been lengthened by half a foot. Additionally, the distance between the front and rear wheels has been increased to create some much-needed rear-seat legroom plus a more generous stowage area.

Inside, the more contemporary-looking cabin features easy-to-read dials and massive air vents that flank a carbon-fibre-look dashboard.

The base model arrives with a 170-horsepower, 2.5-litre five-cylinder that pretty much carries over from the old New Beetle. Optional is the popular 140-horsepower, 2.0-litre turbo-diesel (TDI).

The top-rung and most performance-focused Beetle gets it done with a 200-horsepower, 2.0-litre turbocharged four-cylinder. It's also the only model to include a standard rear spoiler. Entry-level Beetles showcase numerous power-operated accessories plus air conditioning, cloth-covered seats and an eight-speaker stereo.

Besting the turbo Beetle's performance is the new five-door Golf R model with its 256-horsepower version of the GTI's familiar 2.0-litre turbocharged four-cylinder engine, only available with a six-speed manual transmission and only available with all-wheel-drive to better help put the grunt to the road.

Elsewhere, the Tiger-Iguana (Tiguan) has a little plastic surgery and now looks a bit like the larger Touareg. The horizontal grille splits bi-xenon (high and low beam) headlights and U-shaped LED (light emitting diode) on top-end models, while the rear tail lights get some more subtle tweaks.

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- VW continues the Beetle tradition with a sporty redesign that adds size and a touch of machismo.
- Hot new Golf R model with a 256-horsepower four-cylinder.
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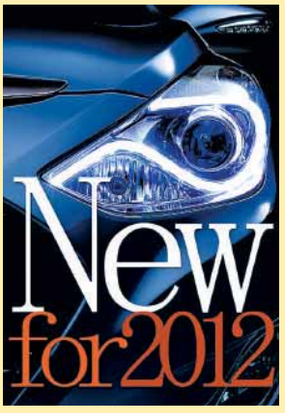

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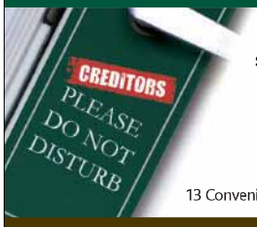

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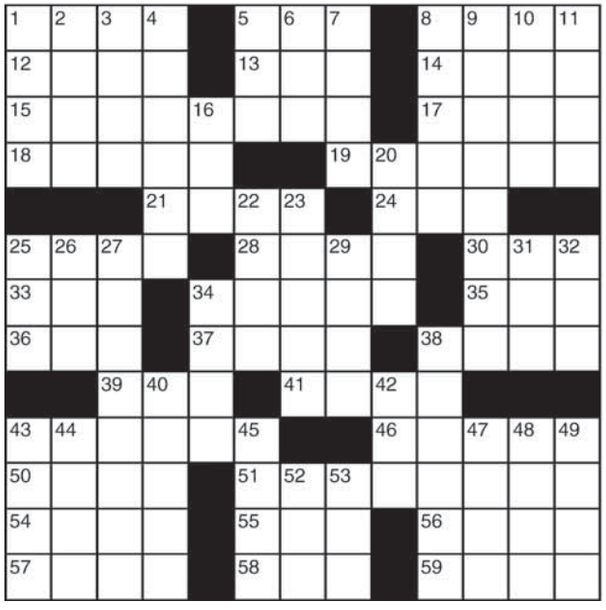

Across

1 Snake's tooth
5 Billboards
8 Song's ending
12 Waikiki wingding
13 Floral garland
14 Press
15 Going around the Earth
17 Fit of peevishness
18 Rigatoni, e.g.
19 Greek underworld goddess
21 — and crafts
24 — de plume
25 Heath
28 Re planes
30 Sprite
33 Bobby of hockey
34 Oust
35 Keanu, in "The Matrix"
36 Cribbage scorer
37 Give as an example
38 Impale
39 "That feels so good!"
41 Lotion additive
43 Horse-drawn cab
46 Reserved
50 Egyptian wading bird
51 Conventional
54 Dimension
55 Pod occupant
56 Portrayal
57 Undo a dele
58 Early bird?
59 "Woe is me!"

Down

1 Dud
2 Emanation
3 Arrests
4 Elvis' instrument
5 "The Greatest"
6 Lair
7 Sound of relief
8 Lake herring
9 Decoration
10 — -yourself kit
11 Initial chip
16 Pitch
20 Certain compound
22 Urban transport
23 Dividing walls
25 Swab the deck
26 Raw rock
27 Arrange systematically
29 Spool
31 Grazing land
32 Watch chain
34 Reverberate
38 Lady of Spain
40 Item in the plus column
42 "— la la!"
43 Greet the villain
44 Slightly
45 Sulk
47 "American —"
48 Pop flavor
49 Former spouses
52 Rule, for short
53 It's game?

▶ Yesterday's answer

Sudoku

1	7						9	4
		2	4			5		
6			9		1			
8				5		4	1	
				3				
	6	5		4				2
			7		6			5
		6			4	9		
4	9						3	8

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Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ▶

7	9	2	1	4	8	3	5	6
3	8	6	2	7	5	9	4	1
4	5	1	9	6	3	8	2	7
5	1	9	7	3	4	2	6	8
8	2	4	6	1	9	5	7	3
6	3	7	5	8	2	1	9	4
2	4	8	3	5	7	6	1	9
9	6	3	4	2	1	7	8	5
1	7	5	8	9	6	4	3	2

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♈ Aries March 21-April 20
You don't have to pretend you know all the answers. No one will think less of you for getting a few things wrong.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21
Someone whose power exceeds your own may seem threatening but planets indicate there is nothing he or she can do to hurt you.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21
If you want to get on in the world, you need to accept that setbacks and failures are inevitable.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22
You may feel deflated after the events of the past few days but there are a few surprises in store.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23
The planets warn there are people in your social circle who would take advantage of your generosity.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22
If you fall behind in your schedule at work, you'll have to do a lot of catching up and making up later.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23
There are things going on behind the scenes that you cannot possibly know about, but you can sense that changes are coming.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22
You cannot make up your mind which of two paths you should be following. Only one can lead to the inner peace you crave. Take it.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21
There are a number of loose ends that need to be dealt with right away. Invest the time needed.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20
If you let negative thoughts gain a foothold, they will be extremely hard to get rid of again.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18
You can see that a different approach is needed on the romantic front. It's not a sign of weakness to show your feelings occasionally.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20
You may hear something you are not supposed to hear today. If so, keep the information to yourself.

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